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THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

PERSONS AND EVENTS AT GREAT COMMERCIAL GATHERING

BUSINESS LEAGUE AFTERMATH

Panoramic View of Social Side—Work of Local Committee—The Passing Show as Seen by The Freeman's Special Representative.

In the scattering story of the proceedings of the National Negro Business League in New York, I promised to say something further of the persons who honored the gathering with their presence and to touch more definitely upon the events that contributed to make the affair the greatest of its kind ever gotten together by our people. In chronicling the doings of so vast a concourse of representative people, a correspondent is confronted by an embarrasment of riches. The material at his fingers' ends is so abundant that it is a puzzle how to evolve from the mass a resume that will do justice to the occasion and satisfy the thousand and one individuals whose taste leads them to a specific phase of the varicolored panorama of business, diversions and commercial connections that ramify throughout the length and breadth of the Republic. I can conscientiously say that I have enough data to write on this subject for the next six months. So, in this issue, I hope to be guided by the limited space at my command, and shall touch lightly upon as many topics as circumstances will permit. From time to time I shall be reminded of significant sayings and doings that transpired at this memorable meeting, but I hope to so apply it that the story will not be as tiresome as the recitals we hear so often from the greenhorn who for the first time sees the lights and shadows of a great city and dates all of the vital happenings in his career as "before" or "after" his trip to the spectacular metropolis.

Readers of the current publications know of the general features of the comprehensive program, which touched every avenue of business controlled by the Negroes of the nation. The work of the public comfort committee has been placed in evidence, the enjoyable sail up the Hudson by the delegates on a day made to order for the occasion has been told. The grand picnic at Sulzer's Harlem River Park, with its dreamy waltz and pictures as from fairy land, is a part of history, and the magnificent closing banquet at Palm Garden, where more than 500 guests were treated to delights that gratified both the physical and the esthetic man, is recorded indelibly upon the hearts of all fortunate enough to partake of such bountiful hospitality. The speeches, the ovations to distinguished characters, the grand march, the merry dance and the tender farewells until 1906, flit before the memory and are recorded among the things that were. The afterpiece—the barbecue at Glenwood Park, Bloomfield, N J,—awakens the traveler from a reverie, and the practical address of Dr. Booker T. Washington—said to have been the crowning event of the week,—sends us all home convinced that the balance of useful results for the series is on the right side of the ledger, The week was most profitably spent—there is sufficient inspiration stored up to run the mental machine many months, and the delegates returned to their homes resolved that the coming year shall be better than the last in productive effort, and that at the next meeting there shall come from each a report worthy of the League and its basic principles and in more fully accord with the high purpose of the noble man whose painstaking labor has given the body "a habitation and a name." Let us now turn our attention to some

Echoes From The Great New York Meeting of the National Negro Business League.

Hon. J. C. Napier was the Chesterfield of the convention.

Topeka, Kansas, stands a good show for the convention of 1907.

The dignified John H. Smythe, ex-minister to Liberia, looked on.

Dr. S. E Courtney, as usual, carried off the lion's share of the social honors.

The "Standing Room Only" sign was needed at an early hour every evening

The man who had not thrift enough to acquire a home wielded small inflence.

Daniel Freeman, the well known Washington photographer, got a snapshot of the convention.

It was a bigger success in every way than the League's most sanguine supporters dared to predict.

Rev. H. C. C. Astwood, editor of the Scranton, (Pa,) Defender, was the tallest delegate present.

At the Boston meeting of the League five years ago four banks were reported. We now have nineteen.

J. Douglass Wetmore was there, and had something ta say about the knockont of the Jim-crow cars in Florida.

Roscoe Conkling Bruce was quiet and unobtrusive but impressed all with his rare intellectual qualities.

The spirit of "Go South young man and take advantage the immense unoccupied acreage" pervaded the body.

Said the New York World: "The business Negro has earned his right to respectful attention." He is getting it.

Dr. S. G. Elbert, of Willmington, Del., made a most favorable impression and was rated as one of the scholars of the convention.

Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, on "Foundation Building," easily distanced all competitors in point of scholarship and solidity of argument.

Giles B. Jackson of Richmond, Va., in a brand new suit and a pocket full of Jamestown Exposition circulars, looks as happy as a big sunflower.

H. C. Haynes and his razor strops came all the way from Chicago. From a capacity of twelve strops a day, his output has increased to over 2,000 per day.

From strict attentiveness of Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams, it is reasonable to expect some spicy obligations from her versatile pen in the near future.

The 'pint of order," heretofore an unknown quantity at League meetings, was narrowly escaped during the discussion of the "Servant question"

Mr. Jerome B. Peterson, counsul to Puerto Caballo, Venezuela, did the honors graciously for friends who visited the office of the New York Age.

The delegates who insisted upon discussing the race problem instead of telling what he had accomplished in a certain business were promptly "called down"

Alfred C. Cowan, one of New York's most successful counsellors at law, made himself useful to the delegates and directed the ladies to the shopping districts.

It is no small thing to be able to make New York know that anything out of the ordinary is going on They knew the Business League was "in their midst."

Editor Charles Perry of the Philadelphia Tribune, left his diamonds at home and gave a lucid presentation of the difficulties and successes of the Negro publisher.

Nobody stumbled against the slightest semblence of race prejudice. New York's liberality to the stranger within her gates is being extolled from Maine to the Gulf.

Everybody who had anything to say got it in somewhere, but the fellows who had nothing to say—said it outside of the Garden. Oratory was not at a premium.

Said the New York Evening Post: "The Negro is steadily moving onward and upward. A glance at the program of the National Negro Business League proves this."

If there was any doubt as to Booker T. Washington's popularity with every valuable element among his own people, this great convention dispelled it, with neatness and dispatch.

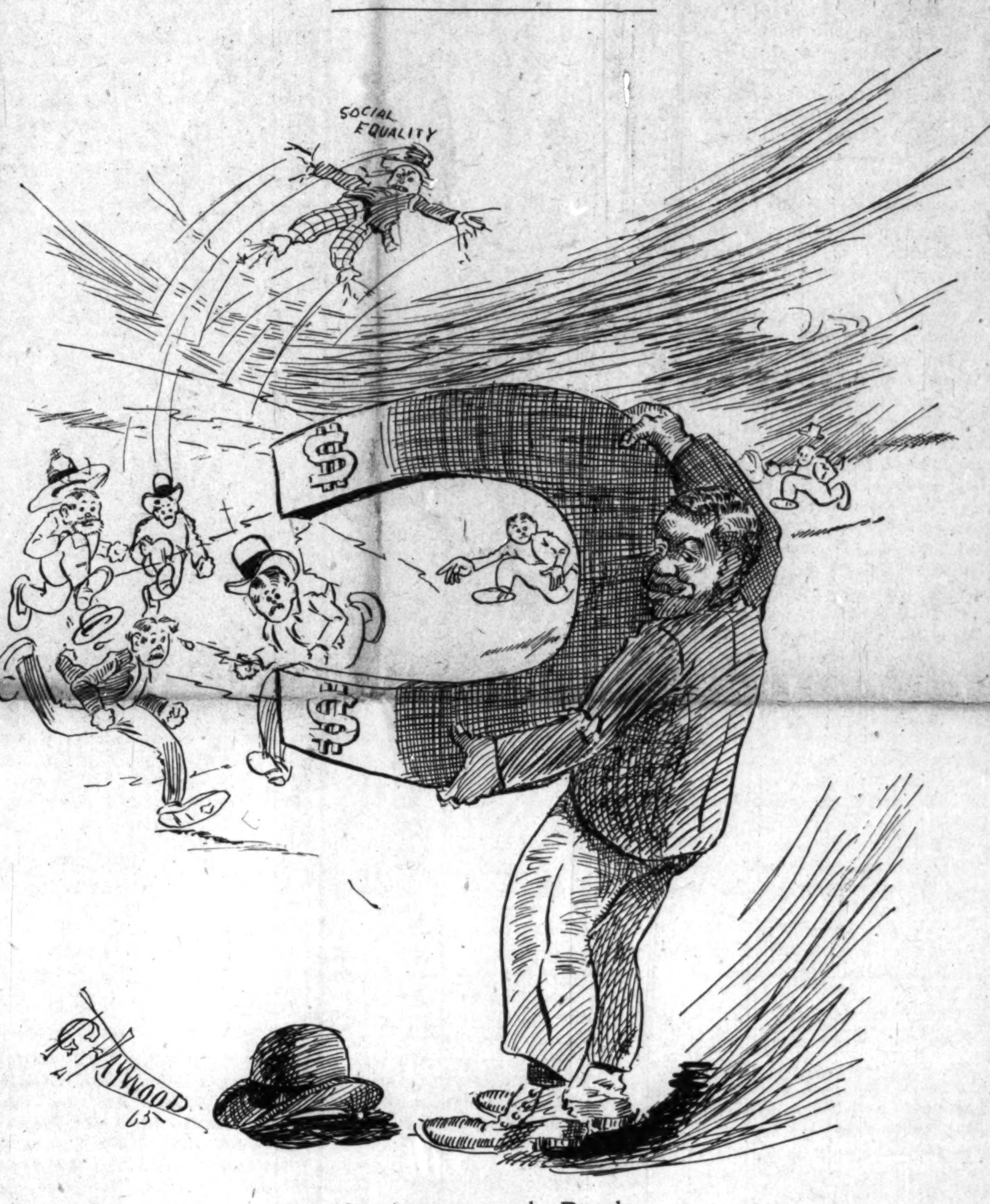
Bishop Alexander Walters was a popular member of the body, and his remarks placing him squarely in line with the constructive work of Dr. Washington "brought down the house."

One of the southern delegates remarked that he was afraid to go to sleep in New York—so much was going on that he was afraid he would miss something good if he indulged in any old-fashioned slumber.

Every daily paper gave creditable accounts of the proceedings, with complimentary editorial notice—the latter a courtesy which few conventions of whites are vouchsafed in that busy community.

There was an unusually large number of visiting ladies in attendance and they seemed to enjoy every moment of the proceedings Mr Wanamaker's graceful tribute to them won for him a high degree of popularity.

THE HORSE-SHOE MAGNET.



It Attracts and Repels.

Dr. W. T. Vernon, who is being groomed by his host of friends for Register of the Treasury, in case the office ever becomes vacant won a warm place in the hearts of the crowd by his eloquent speech and courtly manners.

Palm Garden was not so large as Tomlinson Hall at Indianapolis, but no protest was made against the crowded condition of things, for all were too busy keeping track of the rapidly moving events to complain about trifles.

Mrs Sallie A Brown, the Indianapolis hair goods manufacturer, was a visitor at several sessions, and won much favor by her enterprising manner. She was in the East on a purchasing tour and remained over for the League.

Dr. L H. Harris, the popular Washington pharmacist, delivered an excellent address on "The Negro Druggist," and surprised everybody by his artistic handling of the King's English. He incidentally got in a good word for Harris' Bloon Tonic.

A point in President Washington's address that cannot be too frequently emphasized: "Let us advertise to the world our strength, not our weakness; our success, not our failure; our achievements, not our hopes; our agreements, not our disagreements."

A Negro opera house managers is a "new thing under the sun," and this rarity served to add interest to the remarks of Charles T. Bass of Sullivan, Ind. In addition to looking after his opera house, Mr Bass manufactures a hair lustre, raises hogs and runs a barbershop.

A C. Howard's story of how he "made good" in the shoepolish business was retold with marked effect, and Dr. W. F. Graham's familiar figures on the phenomenal insurance operations of his company at Richmond were greeted with the old time enthusiasm.

The magnetic personality of Mrs Booker T Washington gave the convention a dignity, charm and savor of idealism that was felt at every stage of the high-pitched discussions and recital of earnest endeavor. She had a smile and a warm pressure of the hand for all.

Mesdames G. W. Clinton, Alexander Walters, S A. Furniss, J C Napier, H. T. Keating, Carrie W. Clifford P. A. Payton, D J Scott, Phil Waters, J R Cox. Fannie Barrier Williams, S Willie Layton and others were most pleasingly in evidence thoroughout the sessions.

The League gave it out very plainly that it recognized that one organization cannot cover all the interests of the Negro, and urged that the organization adhere strictly to its basic objects and refuse to become entangled in other organizations with purposes foreign to business affairs.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason captivated the audience Wednesday evening by a presentation of "The Business Development Among Negroes," and was compelled to go on at a much greater length than he had intended. A less effective speaker would have finished to empty benches at the late hour that Dr. Mason's turn was reached.

Dr. W. D. Crum was pointed out as the man who gave President Roosevelt the opportunity to show his breadth as a statesman and typical American. Dr Crum is a fine specimen of manhood. His address at the Abyssinian Baptist Church the night before the convention stamped him as a thinker of force and clearness.

Rev. Matthew Anderson's history of the Berean enterprise of Philadelphia, which has helped the Negroes of that city to obtain 1 0 homes in respectable localities, was an inspiring feature of the program. The problem of the city Negro is an important one and can only be solved by sanitary homes amid moral surroundings.

Bishops, merchants, lawyers, teachers, plain preachers, doctors, manufacturers, artisans, editors, capitalists. farmers and town builders, elbowed one another in the concourse of constructive factors of the race, and all were bent upon race advancement, each traveling his individual course, yet in perfect harmony and sympathy with his brother.

Williams & Walker's Glee Club, composed of sixteen trained musicians, under the direction of William C. Elkins, made a distinct hit. The audience could not get enough of them, and they were repeatedly encored. The anthem by Cole & Johnson was well received. The country will hear them with pleasure during the Williams & Walker tour this season.

Historian E. A Johnson was pointed out as one of the notable figures of the great gathering. He is solving the problem of how an educated gentleman can live and cherish high ideals in the very heart of the Southland—Tom Dixon to the contrary notwithstanding. Prof. Johnson is both a lawyer of renown and a writer who stands second to none in the country.

The visitation of such forces in the world of finance and business as John Wanamaker, Robert C. Ogden, Oswald Garrison Villard and George Foster Peabody is something of which the most notable con-

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SOME POINTED PARAGRAPHS

FROM THE RECENT SPEECH OF PROF. W. H. COUNCILL.

WHERE IS ABEL, THY BROTHER?

All Southerners Are Not Against the Negro—The Duty we Owe—Usefulness the Standard of Measurement. Will Rise by Righteous Industry.

If men go round looking for bad Negroes they will find them; if they look for good Negroes they will find them. It depends upon what a man wants to see.

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At this point I wish to say that we must be as fair toward the white South as we want it to be toward us. We must not put all white men in the same class, for there are ministers of the Gospel, lawyers, farmers, doctors, merchants, bankers writers and even some politicians who advocate and maintain in private and public that friendship for the Negro, amicable relatsons between the races, and who have assisted in producing the material and spiritual prosperity, of which I have boasted.

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"This is an occasion of supreme importance and special privilege to the Negro of the South. There can be no better proof of your friendly feeling and interest in my race, than your cordial invitation to participate in this the most important gathering in the South since the war of 1861.; and it is with deep and profound emotions that I make greatful acknowledgment of this recognition of "The Industrial Negro of the Industrial South,"

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"Where is Able thy brother."

In these words I voice the sentiments of 100 000 best citizens of the Negro race. But my purpose tonight is to speak through you to the other nine million nine hundred thousand of our race in this country. You cannot escape the responsibility for the betterment of the condition of the other nine million nine hundred thousand. "Where is Able thy brother" never fell upon the ears and heart of guilty Cain, and had more meaning than should come home to every one of the 100,000 men and women from our institutions in reference to the nine million nine hundred thousand of our race; until every one of us cries out in the language of St. Paul, "Oh, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death." A kind and a good Providence makes us responsible for our brother, in order that mankind shall be elevated. A bitter, blighting predjudice and hatred chains us to "the body of this death" for a different reason, but overurled by Providence to work out exceeding great good. All the influence of the yeast of civilization by hatred a burning curse is driven down to the bottom of the mass of Negro life, until in God's own time, the whole mass becomes permeated with righteous industry and frugality, and it all shall rise heavenward. Prejudice is but the cylinder or steam trunk which confines the expanding water, until the particles of steam have accumulated power to drive forward the mighty engine with its load to civilization and to God. Industrial intelligence plus intelligent industry must be the lever by which all of this shall be done; upon a foundation of racial respect, for no race can rise in this world which does not maintain its racial identity The man who does not emphasize the importance of this soon becomes insane and recognizes himself as anybody else but himself.

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Usefulness the Standard.

As I have just said, usefulness is the standard of messurement. Men often measure by power, wealhh, color, but the great God who sees the growth of the human family from Adam to the present, and on, shows that use alone is His criterion in the selection of material for the everlasting building of humanity. Egypt, Nineveh, Babylon—all were rejected because of their materialism and blood; but the humble Jew rose, by the greatness of his humble usefulness to mankind, to be the chief corner-stone of God's great building of humanity,

Any one in Paducah, Ky., desiring The Freeman can secure same from Misses Lorena and Ruby Greenwell, 627 South Eighth street.

The Clermonts, Frank & Etta, are doing nicely and wish to be remembered to all friends.

Notes from P. G. Lowery's Musical Enterprise.—We are now in Indiana for about three weeks' stay. Miss Daisy Lee has been very ill but is now convalescent. All others are well and send best wishes to all friends in and out of the profession. We have A. L. Prince to swell our number. The entire company sends best wishes to Sam Elliott and family.

Notes from Van Amburg Show's Colored Band and Concert Company —

We are now in old Virginia and making good with our part. We are playing all the up to date music there is out. Business is good and everybody is satisfied. The ghost walks regularly every Sunday night. The boys send regards to all friends L. F. Hunter would like to hear from A. B Stokes and Joe Jordan, write in care of The Freeman.

Notes from Fred S. Millican,s Original Old Plantation Company.—Business is still good and every member is doing fine. Fred Millican, our manager is going to put on a minstrel show this winter, carrying 34 people, two bands, one white, and a sleeping car, 60 feet long. Billy Arnte sends regards to Williams & Stevens and would like to hear from Pattie Robinson, write him at The Freeman. The company sends regards to all friends.

LeRoy Bland's California Letter.—The Wells Cake Walkers opened at Sacramento last week and are now at Fisher's Theatre The Hatch's have closed a two weeks' engagement at the Oberom Clarence Estell, Sam King and Lew Purcell, business men are doing well regardless of the old hard times cry. Regards to both Mahara Shows. It is rumored that Baker & Carlisle are to open on the Orpheum Circuit in the near future.

Williams & Stevens' Richest Coon in Georgia Company is one of the biggest hits that has ever played in Canada. We are packing their houses nightly. The play is a musical comedy, written by Charles H. Williams, assisted by Stevens, staged by E. C. Harris. It has two acts and has a plot from start to finish. From press reports they are making good. They would like to hear from friends, address The Freeman. Watkins sends regards to New York friends.

Notes of Al. E. Holman's Serenaders. We have returned from a successful engagement of three weeks at the Grand Musical Hall, Liege, Belgium. While there we had the pleasure of meeting our old American friend, Joe Jalvon and wife They had just concluded a seventeen weeks' engagement at the Extreme Orient Liege Exposition. They were such favorites that the entire Orient suspended business the night previous to their departure and visited our show in a body after which the company went to a cafe and partook of a special repast given for the Jalvons by the mayor of Liege. The Jalvons are now filling an engagement at Manchester, England. We are booked solid until May 1906 The Jalvons send regards to Marsh Craig, Prof. Lacey and all friends. Al and Mamie Holman say, "hello to all."

Notes from the Famous Billy Kersands Minstrels.—We are now in the territories and doing an increased business in spite of the extreme hot weather which ranges from 104 to 108 degrees but our people complain less than the natives. Our first stand in the territories was Vinita. I. T. and were well received and cared for. The Kersands, Victor Thomas, W. A. Dixon, T. O Mills, Arthur Maxwell were royally entertained by the Riders, very wealthy citizens of Binita, Miss. Miss Georgia Rider did the honors for the family and won much praise from our company. The show is running smoothly and pleases easily all patrons. The Alabama Quartet has put on a new turn which is perfectly immense and is quite an improvement. Campbell Bros. have an act on that bespeaks their industry and intellect as well. It is one of the most pleasing of its kind on the American stage, full of wit and humor. The next wonderful and mystifying act, the more you see the more you want to see, Master Alonzo Moore, the marvelous magician, is making a tremendous hit all along the line. Our company wishes to be remembered to John G. Canepa of 1314 Market street, St. Louis Mo, the old reliable spot for our professional people, and a man who only wears the one face on one head We wish him much success. We also send our best regards to our old friend Marsh Craig and family. James Lacey sends regards to P. G. Lowery.

Notes from Little Savoy Theatre Jacksonville, Fla.—We are still doing a big business and have an exceptionally strong company. Billy Reeves, our principal comedian is in New York City undergoing an operation. We wish him a speedy recovery. Joe Locust and Phillip Giles closed last week to go trouping. Pauline Crampton, contralto, and one of our leading dramatic stars continues to be a favorite. Buddy Glenn, the father of Negro comedy, is still as lively as ever; Carrie Hall, coon song shouter, is scoring heavily with, "What You Going to do When the Rent Comes Due." Sarah Price, the petite and dainty soubret is a reigning favorite; Webster Williams still stands second to none as an all around performer; Billy Bradley, the fashion plate comedian is doing well and sends regards to all friends. Mattie Floyd has fully demonstrated her ability as a first-class performer; Mabel Miles, with her sweet singing is a favorite with all. W. E. Gillick, our play wright and scenic artist produced an original melodrama entitled, "Kit Carson, the Female Detective," which was quite a hit and has another in rehearsal "The Orphan's Oath," which bids to be the stock company's greatest effort Anita Borden, the clever buck dancer and coon song singer, is one of the best performers we have. W. H. Dorsey is our musical director. Will Goff Kennedy, our good natured stage manager is trying by the application of intelligence, originality, energy, tact, common sense and the Golden Rule to make the show a success. Regards to all.

HARRODSBURG KY.

Hon. E. B. Cheatham, of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Katie B. Harris of this city, one of our most popular and accomplished young ladies, were quietly married at the home of the bride, August 12, at 5 p. m.—Miss Watts, of Pittsfield, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. C. L. Agner.—Miss Elsie Uptergrove, of Jamestown, O., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Etta Knox.—The Intellectual Benefit Club entertained in honor of Hon. and Mrs E. B. Cheatham at the residence of Miss Amelia Sallee, president. Thursday evening from 8 to 12. Mrs. Agner entertained in honor of her guest Miss Watts, Monday evening from 8 to 12.—Miss Mary Hines entertained a few friends at her home on College street, Wednesday evening.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Miss Lola Johnson left Saturday to join the Mahara Minstrels.—The pipe-organ recital at Zion Baptist church, August 25, by Prof. W. A. Calhoun was well attended and a success financially.

A lecture was given at Park street M. E. church, August 25 by Mr. Wilson Prof. Brown and Mrs. Anna Acklen sang a duet "Prison Scene" from Il Trovatore and Prof. Brown rendered a solo, "Queen of the Earth.",—Rev. W. A. McWilliams has returned after six weeks' successful travel in Chautaqua work.—The Famous Tennessee Warblers were in the city Sunday and while doing work in this section of the states will make their headquarters at Mrs. Hattie Youman's in Broadway. While here Sunday they were the guests of Major W. Daniels. The members are as follows: R. C. Puggsley, manager; C. H. Puggsley, tenor; D. C. Puggsley, basso; Mrs. Gertrude Hays Puggsley pianist and soprano; Mrs. C. H. Puggsley, contralto, Master Leslie and Baby Theodore. All the singers possess fine voices. The Puggsleys and Prof. Daniels are negotiating for a company of eighteen artists for the season of 1906, and will give the public a musical surprise.—Rev. I. N. Ross is in Georgia on business.—Harry Killbrough the boy evangelist is in the city and preached to a large audience at Allen Temple Sunday.—Mrs. Minor's sister has returned to her home at Quincy, Ill., after a visit of four weeks.

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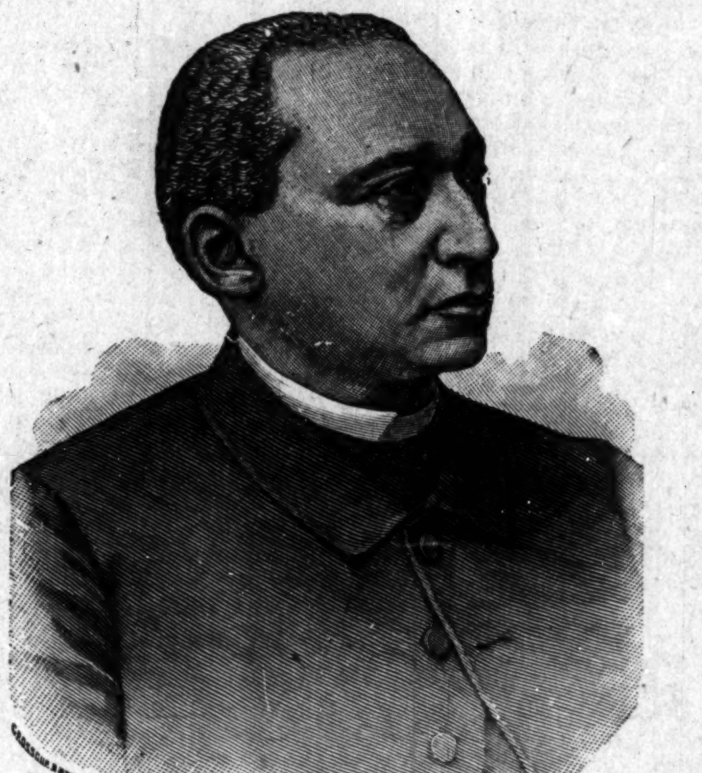
C. B. Lewis, the well-known newspaper correspondent of Little Rock, Ark., is now representing The Freeman in that section

PORTLAND, OREGON.

Great many complaints have reached your correspondent regarding discrimination said to exist on the grounds of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. That these reports are well founded seems to be verified upon examination. Your scribe has gone to the pains to make careful inquiry from those who have actually come in contact with that sort of thing, and gives it as his opinion that these reports are not idle rumors, but are facts, and more is the pity Only last week, I am advised, a party of intelligent ladies and gentlemen visiting the fair from Spokane, Wash., were actually refused liquid refreshments (orangeade and lemonade) in the California building on the grounds Complaint, however, was made to the Governor of California at Sacramento by E. H. Holmes of Spokane, one of the party, and Governor Pardee immediately gave orders that that sort of thing must cease, and this particularly aggravating case resulted in the California building not showing any further discrimination whatever. A number of colored people throughout the Northwest have boycotted the fair on account of this detestable race feeling, and unless it ceases the prediction is freely made that the management will lose many hundred dollars on that account. I certainly endorse the independent stand taken by our people in this connection, and it is doing more good than resoluting, threats and demonstrations that usually follow affairs of this kind.—Miss J. M. Lee of Mattoon, Ill., now a St. Louis school teacher, Miss Tommetta Stokes of Chicago, head nurse at Provident Hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stokes of Spokane, Wash., comprised a party of exposition visitors last week. Miss Belle Walker of New York City, formerly of Butte, Mont., is a recent arrival. Mrs B. A. Sykes and son of Spokane came over to meet Mrs. J. M. Bryant and daughters of Milwaukee, Wis., last week, and all seem to be having a delightful time. Mr. and Mrs Reynold Robinson of Spokane are among the late arrivals. Rev. J. A. Barr of Spokane has been attending the annual conference and incidentally taking in the fair. Mrs Robert Lusher of Spokane, also John Breckenridge, hailing from the same "burg," are pleasing their friends visiting this week. Natt Stafford, an employe at the Portland Union Depot, is visiting his family in Spokane, at the same time taking a much needed recreation. Irvin Williams, Mr. Chas. Clifton and bride of St. Paul are making a flying visit to the exposition. Kendall Cowes of San Francisco and F Jacobs of Oakland left Portland the 25th on the private car "Sacramento" with a party. Bishop B. F. Lee closed the fourteenth annual meeting of the Puget Sound Conference with an able sermon on the 20th. The appointments announced were Rev. S. J. Collins of Tacoma, presiding elder; F. G. Barr, Spokane; W. J. Tolliver, Portland; G. A. Bailey, Everett, Wash., each for a term of one year. Charles Watkins, after a stay of several months, left for San Francisco on the 12th.



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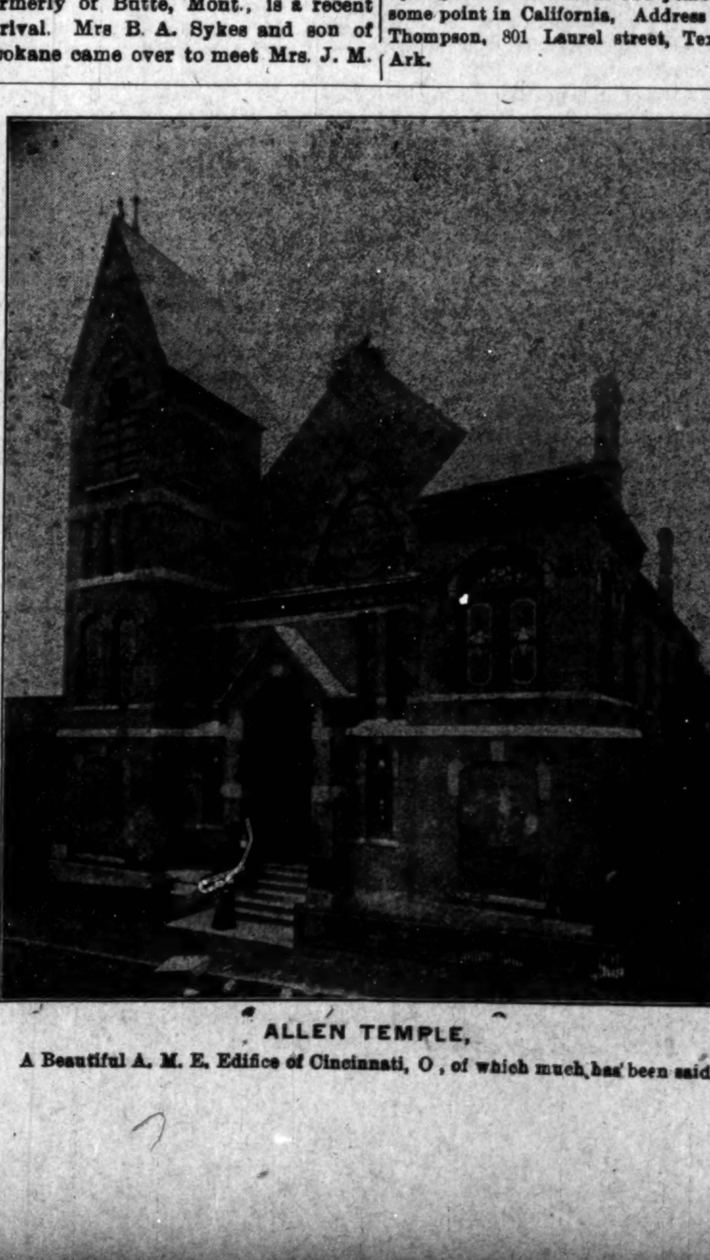
Indiana Baptist General Association.

The annual session of the Indiana Baptist General Association, held at Olivet Baptist church, closed last Saturday. The officers elected were: W. Z. Thomas, Anderson, moderator; vice-moderator, B. R. Reed, Indianapolis; recording secretary, M. M. Porter, Mitchell; assistant recording secretary, W. H. Ferguson, Evansville; statistical secretary, J. C. Patton, Indianapolis; corresponding secretary, J. R. Miller, Edinburg; treasurer, J. R. Raynor, Indianapolis.

NOTICE.

A reward will be given to any person or preacher who can inform me of the address of Mrs. Hattie Thompson, my wife. I ask preachers to announce the same from their pulpits. Separated five years ago in Hot Springs. She left about two years ago for some point in California, Address Clinton Thompson, 801 Laurel street, Texarkana, Ark.



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According to press dispatches, the Japanese and Russian plenipotentiaries have entered bitter complaint against the hotels of Portsmouth, especially the foods and service. This is not to be understood that these hotels are not good American hotels, but they are not good Japanese and Russian style hotels. No doubt all the hotels at Portsmouth have white help.

If any man profits by the mistakes he makes, the colored waiter certainly has many notable examples from which to take an object lesson. A position is more difficult to recover than to hold. Possession is characterized as nine-tenths of the law. White waiters have nine-tenths of the places in their possession. Make your own deduction. Who is to blame? This question is open to all.

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During the recent convention of the American Municipal League at Toledo, Mayor Woodward of Atlanta, Ga., made some very uncomplimentary remarks about the Negro of the South. Some of the waiters at the banquet where Mayor Woodward was a guest, filled his silk hat with chicken bones and reminants of lobster salad and mayonnaise. While on an excursion trip on Lake Erie the mayor was accosted by a waiter who wanted to thrash him, and it was only by the timely intervention of friends that the mayor was saved from a mixup

Senator Martin Saxe's anti-tipping Bill went into effect on Friday, September 1st and if the law is lived up to by New Yorkers who have been in the habit of offering bribes, calling them tips as a slave to their conscience, it will save millions of dollars every year. The bill does not mean that one cannot fee a waiter in a restuarant for prompt attention, or that one cannot fee a cabman an extra coin for driving you fast, but it does mean that a man who acted as an agent for his employer and received money from the sellers of goods, which is to come out of the employer's pocket commits a misdemeanor and lays himself liable to prison. Here is what you can do and what you can't do, after the anti-tipping law goes into effect.

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HOTEL NOTES.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Brown of Charleston, W. Va., August 9 1905, a twelve pound girl (Miss Vivian Marie Brown.) Mrs. Brown was formerly Miss A. Myrtle Wallace, and was at one time an employe of The Freeman and is well known in Indianapolis. Mr. Brown has been employed as headwaiter at the Hotel Ruffner, Charleston, W. Va., for three years, and has a crew of thirty competent men in the dining room. Mr. Brown is held in the highest esteem by Manager Taylor, who considers the lecture given each day by Mr. Brown timely and full of wholesome advice.

Mr. Clark now fills the position of headwaiter at the Hotel Knawha with a competent crew.

It is rumored that W. N. Seals of the Ruffner force will soon lead a blushing bride to Hymen's alter.

A number of hotel boys gave a concert at Knights of Pythias Hall, a few days ago, at which Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde were impersonated by Messrs. Fox and Watson.

About a year ago F. C. Brown purchased a valuable corner lot with a two story building thereon on Capitol and Donnally streets. He is making repairs and is in good condition now to accommodate the traveling public When in Charleston drop in and see him. Mrs. Brown conducts a neat little milliner store and handles hair goods and novelties at 500 Capital street, Charleston, W. Va.

Rev. Moses Lake preached the annual sermon to the hotel men and barbers recently.

James Woods presides as head over the Hotel Elk dining room.

The Hotel Ruffner force presented to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Brown complimentary tickets to the Black Patti show.

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A FEW WORDS ABOUT MODERN HOTELS.

The Ever Existence of the Amiplan and Trials of its Headwaiters—Matters Sifted Down on the a la Carte —Points on Kickers, &c.

BY W E TUCKER

Retrospection of by gone years can bring to memory no possible comparison of hotel buildings, equipment and hotel keeping in this moving age. Unique strides have been made in the constructing of hotels—the cost reaching hundreds of thousands, and even millions of dollars in structure and equipment. The furniture and fixtures in the dining-rooms, as well as in other parts of such hostelries, are marvelous and even amazing to the eyes. Such hotels are marked for infinite comfort and luxury, and the best known service.

In the modernized dining-room of to-day—which place may well be called the heart of the hotel—we find private coffee urns for the more perfect making and serving of the beverage at the table. The use of special chafing dishes is indulged in. We find many artistic designs of novelties in table linen—cloths, napkins, scarfs, center and side pieces in embroideries—silver and crockery ware, as well as various unigue designs of costly wine glasses, and other articles too numerous to speak of; all of which have been introduced for attraction in table dress and service of the very highest class,

The steward and chef de cuisine have made indisputable progress in the art cuisine. They have shown us many new, dainty and palatable dishes in entress, entremets, &c.

The pastry cook, in his intricate place, is being tried by a crucial test, which forces him to demonstrate his highest fancy art in the preparation of his varieties.

Hotels of today serve guests in various styles: table d'hote, club lunches, a la carte and Amiplan.

Beyond reasonable doubt the marked improvement in the culinary art, the novelties we see, the new development of system and discipline, demonstrate that the service in the dining room of this forward age has been completely revolutionized, making the task of the waiters and headwaiter, as well as those engaged in the culinary department, more trying than ever. Evidently this means that none will find and retain positions but those of capabilities. It is probably true that if the man of years back who so easily acquired reputation and fame as a headwaiter had to do it over again in the mingle of greater competition, (which really means that a headwaiter must be measured around the head for qualification, instead of the stomach for stature) a great many would give up the struggle in despair

Table d'hote is a well selected meal with a fixed price, which is paid whether little or much is ordered

Club lunches: A good selection of many light, dainty meals, with a fixed price, which is ordered and settled for by number. For example: No. 22 Baked apples and cream, rolls, butter and coffee, 35 cents.

On the a la carte (European) as a familiar fact, an article of food by a fixed price when served, represents a certain amount of cash. To materialize the requirements of this system, the checks, report sheet and cash must all balance at the close of a day's business.

In an effort to make these important ends meet (which is the fundamental principle of the a la carte plan, and which is pledged to place the business upon the best paying basis) practical men in the fraternity have sifted the matter down, joined their views, promulgated their opinions, introducing technical checking sytems which now insure against waste and actual loss to an infinitesimal degree. The a la carte plan has grown prominent with many managers, as well as wealthy or liberal patrons, and is now considered by most managers as the only real profitable way of operating a hotel. This assertion is doubless true in the larger cities where such establishments are maintained by money-spending patrons No doubt the managers of the European houses in the smaller cities, where the guests for some reason, greatly minimize their appetites, or take a $1.00 or $1.50 room and go around the corner to a lunch counter or some cheap restaurant for their meals, will say "give me the old time plan for my business."

Despite the favor and popularity of the a la carte plan, and the various leaks of the amiplan which seemingly cannot be checked, this old plan is not yet gone back and will ever exist with the a la carte, as in evidence today we find some of the new as well as old caravansaries conducted on both plans, wherein people are invited to patronize the house at random. The finest winter and summer resorts of this land are operated on the old plan. while of course some have a grillroom or club house in connection. For many years the amiplan hotel has been the happy home of thousands of patrons who live in hotels year in and year out, who today will not willingly give up ther old satisfactory mode of living for the new style.

Referring to the vocation of headwaiting in the busy commercial amiplan house, I think I am justified in saying there is no hotel, regardless of its red-tape discipline, wherein the common but sound judgment and executive ability of a headwaiter is more severely tested. True enough the a la carte hotel, with its special preparation of gorgeous articles of food, its new features and system of rigid technicality, places the head waiter in a very intricate predicament where, too a more mathematical judgment must be utilized,

At that, the daily worry, tribulation and nuisance that overtakes the man of the city amiplan hotel reaches the a la carte headwaiter only in part. I will endeavor to point just a few of the numerous prevailing incidents of worry, and the necessary observations and things to do in the well conducted amiplan room As a fact well known this dining-room offers unlimited opportunities for the "star boarder;" the big eating visitors known as "spongers," and the "kicker," whom I will say more about later, to take all unprofitable advantage when in the dining-room Such chances of favor to these known characters rarely slip by. This type of guest gives the waiters no small degree of expected trouble, and as for the headwaiter, who holds a position of greater responsibility, there is no end to his vexation and head-scratching. The "star boarder" must, of course, have an exclusive table and waiter. Fruits of season in different styles, relishes and shellfish must be lavishly laid upon their table before they enter for meals. It matters not how much the headwaiter needs the service of a waiter, he is forbidden moving the waiter from that table. Many times they go out for luncheon or dinner, leaving the headwaiter in ignorance of their absence, yet all these delicacies are spread and wasted, and the waiter stands idle in expectation.

As a matter of fact, the commercial man's time for dining is generally limited, He enters the dining room thinking of his own business possibilities, giving recognition to the fact that he is hustling for self in a world of competition, The headwaiter must undoubtedly see that every single guest is rendered the best and quickest possible service. To do this requires the best judgment in seating and tactful observance, i. e., he must at all times keep in his mind the open seats where he can place a guest for prompt service. He should keep tab on the time that the waiters are out for orders Serving one to four guests to boiled eggs, toast and coffee, or full breakfast orders, will consume five to eighteen minutes of a good waiter's time—in a well planned kitchen of good discipline This time is reduced for luncheon and dinner. At all times, if possible, make it a point to seat guests where a waiter can catch him, or them, immediately or soon after unless it be a guest who has an exclusive table and waiter. By keeping tab on the waiters, as just explained, you keep in touch with their moves, and are thus enabled to seat guests for the promptest service.

Never practice scattering your guests—a man here and there—sending waiters out with an order apiece. Now. I do not mean to say crowd them to an uncomfortable extent, but send the waiters out with two or three orders apiece Two orders for a waiter make nice service, and four ordinarily should be the limit; then the best results are achieved.

Strange to say but true, the a la carte headwaiters have comparatively little judgment to exercise in the course of seating guests. He has plenty of two, four and six-seat tables, well located. Of course the smaller ones are more desirable and are in the majority One practical waiter of this plan can handle from five to seven checks, serving from eight to twelve people here and there with far less ease and complaint.

The headwaiter must see that the water boy, or waiter presents each guest with a glass of water. In case the regular waiter of a table is out for orders, or busy around his table when another guest is seated, an idle waiter should start him off, i e, serve him to fruit and cereals, or appetizer—soup and fish, as the case may be. An order consisting of boiled eggs, toast and coffee must not be kept until a waiter gets up two or more full breakfast orders, when it could be pleasingly served in five minutes.

An order for cakes or waffles must not be delayed in a similar manner but served as soon as ready. Second orders of a like article of food, or an exchange of a disliked order, should be served or rectified immediately.

Dessert orders should be timely served.

While a headwaiter is taking a guest to a seat he is frequently told: "I have an appointment at——; or, I can't spend the day in here now. I am in a hurry to get unpacked; or, to catch a train." These and many other frequent demands for exceedingly quick service come quite natural to the guests; and are at times, very worrying to the head waiter—even though expected. These individuals show by hard kicking, because they are on the amiplan, that they really expect their meals well served in too short a time.

Aside from keeping his mind intact, and an eagle eye both on the affairs and events of the dining room, the headwaiter is often questioned, and is expected to give information as to the in and out time of trains, whereabouts of business houses and other environments of the city. During the busy meal hours, 'phone calls, telegrams and business call cards for certain guests are handed to the headwaiter, who is expected to locate them.

Speaking of kickers, a guest may be easy to please in the bar, the office or in his bedroom, but when he reaches the dining-room there is where he displays his whimsical ideas, I mean to say that every person of any degree of peculiarity will save most of it, if not all, for the dining-room.

(To Be Continued.)

HOW A WAITER SHOULD CONDUCT HIMSELF IN THE DINING ROOM DEPARTMENT

In this small volume I have endeavored to point out what, in my mind, is the proper way for a waiter to conduct himself in order to make his services valuable to those who employ him and to pave the way to lasting success.

It may seem presumptuous in me to offer advice to many of you who have grown gray catering to the taste of a very capricious public, and the emphatic statements herein contained may startle many Pittsburg men who are clamorous for what they think are their rights.

It would not surprise me if, after perusing this pamphlet, all the vials of their wrath were emptied on my unprotected head, but, be that as it may. "I am so armed with honesty that their threats will pass by me as the idle wind, which I respect not."

No cause worthy the name, but has its martyrs, and I am impelled by my desire to improve the vocation I am following to speak out plainly.

During the past few years there has been a great deal of talk about the so-called "Sidewaiter," and in the course of my experience as a headwaiter it has been my misfortune to run afoul of many of this class to my sorrow. I have seen his aping movements, fashion starts, and listened to his slang, which so occupied his mind that he frequently forgot the orders entrusted to him.

I hate a manish waiter, one of those imperious creatures who demands what is not due He makes hard work of the business for himself and for all who come after him. It is the friendly waiter who pleases the public and gives the best satisfaction to all concerned—one who knows what is right and goes ahead and performs his whole duty in a cheerful, quiet manner.

THE DUTY OF A WAITER

The question may be asked, "What is the duty of a waiter?" He must be neat in appearance, quiet in manner and accommodating with a keen sense of chivalry and a proper idea of manhood. The waiter who takes care of his business and is always at his post is well thought of. I believe the time is near at hand that the employment of waiters will cease to become a matter of color, but purely a matter of business. Fitness will be the test, and in that term is bound up everything that goes to make one man preferred to another. A man may be ever so clever and brainy, may be considered a shining light in the literary world, but if he has not mastered the necessary details of dining room service, if he has not made the most of his opportunities, if he abuses his privileges, his literary ability will count for but little in making him a desirable man in the dining room.

For every man and woman there is a place in life, and having once found that place it is not a good policy to leave it. It is with a waiter as with other men, those who succeed are the ones who master all the details, strive to be always neat in appearance, gentlemanly in deportment and obliging in disposition who win their way in the world. Of course, through stress in circumstances, many a man is often compelled to follow a business which he does not like, but that business affords him a livelihood, it should claim from him the best service he is capable of giving. It is the man who is faithful in a few things that stands the best chance of some day being at the head of many things.

In order to do good work you must keep your body in good condition, take care of your body and the brain will perform its work and never fail you in the hour of need.

AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PLAN.

The A. B. C. of the waiter's perfection is founded on his knowledge of the new American and European plans. If a waiter is unsound regarding these fundamental principles he will have a world of trouble in trying to solve the many perplexing difficulties which he is sure to meet with in well regulated hotels. If he keeps abreast of current events by reading "The Caterer," "The Waiters' Manual" and the "Hotel World" and applies the fund of information to be gained from them, he should never be at a loss what to do nor how to do it. There is no excuse for slip-shod work in any calling. There never was a time in the history of the world when information on any subject was easier to be had if a man would only make an effort to obtain it The future of the colored waiter in this country depends largely on the kind of service he renders. The more painstaking and intelligent the service the greater he will be in demand, and vice-versa The fault is not in our color, but too often in ourselves that so many doors are shut against us. Merit counts for us as much in the dining room as it does in the counting room. A mechanic, a doctor, a lawyer is expected to be well informed in all the details of his calling or profession, and the greater his proficiency the more men seek his services. The same rule applies to the waiter. Be cleanly in habit, neat in appearance, well informed in the duties to be performed, genteel in deportment, obliging in disposition, prompt and patient, and, my word for it, the demand for your services will increase as these conditions are met and mastered by the rank and file following the waiters' profession.

The above is offered for the benefit of the young men.

H PETTIGREW,
Headwaiter Monongahela House.
Pittsburg, Pa.

EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK.

Willie Wilkins, the efficient young headwaiter of the Crescent Hotel, left this week for Chicago on a vacation, which he very much needs and deserves. Mr. Wilkins has held the position as headwaiter of this large hotel since last April and is very much in need of rest. He has demonstrated such ability as a headwaiter that his services are almost indispensable. He will return in a few days and resume his duties as headwaiter. Mr. Wilkins has something up his sleeve and the boys will do well to keep in touch with him.

The waiters of the Cresent Hotel gave a grand minstrel show and cake walk last Monday night at the Opera House here. The boys were full to the brim with jokes and late songs and held their audience spell-bound with laughter from beginning to end. Tom Lane, formerly of the great Williams and Walker company, was there and entertained the audience in such a manner as only a man of Mr. Lane's qualifications can do The guests went away much pleased that night and the boys were all happy next morning when they received a share of the proceeds. Among those who took prominent parts were Wm. Edmonds, Robert Fox, L. Adams, B. Mosby, H. Bunch, F. G. Trapp, and others. The cake walk was participated in by Miss Laura Curtis and Miss Annie Lewis. Miss Curtis and partner, E M. Henderson, won the greater amount of applause The boys of the Crescent are always wide awake. H. Y. Pentacost is still at the Crescent. He is a steady and energetic young man who is well thought of by his employers and by all who know him Such men as "Hamp" are what the colored waiters need to help them gain greater prestige in the profession of sidewaiters. The readers of The Freeman may expect to hear of us again soon

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INGERSOLL OR DIXON—WHICH?

"I would rather be stolen from than be a thief; I would rather be a slave than a slaveholder."

The above quotation is from the late Robert G. Ingersoll. Let us suggest that you make a comparison between the heart of a man who made such an utterance in undoubted sincerity and that of Thomas Dixon. It is not necessary to quote from him as all are familiar with the heart of the man in spite of the fact that he always insists that he has only feelings of "sympathy and pity."

Ingersoll was an infidel—at least an unbeliever—and to such an extent that preachers like Thomas Dixon saw in him an evil that threatened the souls of men and begot for him an eternal misery in the life hereafter, and yet no heart ever beat in greater sympathy for the wronged and despised than that of Ingersoll. Wherever there was suffering there was his heart also. He asked no right for himself that he did not cheerfully accord to others, and he recognized all men as his brothers. True, indeed, might it be said of him as he said at the grave of his brother—"there was no grander, manlier man, and if all to whom he did a kind act would place one blossom on his grave he would sleep to-night beneath a wilderness of flowers." One might go over the whole Sermon on the Mount and the Golden Rule (which constitute the very essence of the Christian religion) and it would be found that in the righteousness of these there was no firmer believer than he. Yet this man Dixon, who "confesses Him with his mouth, but whose heart is far from Him," wears the garb of the Christian.

Certainly the contrast between these two characters is sufficient to show how wide and far we are straying. There is something radically wrong either with the religious system that contains within its folds preachers who do not come up to the moral status of infidels, or else there is something decidedly wrong with these preachers themselves. And who would class Rev. Dixon and Rev. Stagg, with their doctrines of caste and hate, with that great humanitarian, Ingersoll? The great Christian church must beware lest in harboring preachers whose hearts are at such variance with the teachings of Christ it bring disrepute and disrespect upon itself.

SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The vacation period has come to a close and the school teachers are with us again. They return from all points of the compass where they have been in search of recreation and instruction, and come back refreshed and invigorated and better prepared for the work of the coming year. As most of our newspaper men have been teachers who have fallen out of the ranks from various causes, principally to make room for better teachers, we can fully appreciate the interest which attends this reassembling.

There is no class of public servants so poorly paid as the school teacher. But notwithstanding this there is a large number among these poorly paid ones who get more than they really earn, for earning must be based on product rather than on effort expended. We have not yet learned that school teachers, like poets, are born, not made. We mean by this, that the most essential qualification for school teaching is that which is born within and can only be developed, but no amount of training can put that essential there. This "essential" is the ability to make the child "see," and, through this opened vision, to lead him in the development of the best that is within; ever unfolding, growing and expanding until there shall be given to the child an impetus that shall make for the highest and best in the man or woman that shall be. Such is the good teacher. It would be difficult to over estimate the value of such a teacher.

The crop of good teachers, like that of good preachers, is now and always has been far below the demand. Indianapolis has some of these and the hope is that we may have more of them. We can say to the new comers that they will not find this place an easy one for the school teacher. It is not a question of expending nerve force, but of results obtained. No better schools can be found for the child, but as for the teacher—it is a place where men and women are ground up to furnish packing for the heads of children. These schools are made for the children as should be. The harder your way the more certain it is that you do not fit the groove.

TIT FOR TAT.

Squire Letcher, a well-known colored man and a Union veteran soldier of Evansville, Ind., died Thursday, Aug. 31, and the Rev. W. H. Anderson, pastor of the colored Baptist church, was asked to conduct the funeral services. He refused on the ground that the family had secured the services of a white undertaker, in preference to a Negro undertaker. Anderson says there is a scheme on foot in this city to ruin any Negro financially who undertakes to embark in any legitimate business. The family called in another minister, who conducted the funeral with a white undertaker. The feeling is running high among the Negroes here. Anderson is one of the best known colored ministers in the State.

We are so accustomed to seeing the one-sidedness of things in which the colored man figures that the above press dispatch is somewhat refreshing. While we cannot bring ourselves to the point of denying ones right to make his own choice in such matters, we must confess this bold stand by Rev. Anderson is at least pleasing. Who dares predict that the time may not come when there will be a line drawn between those members of the race who will insist on patronizing their own business men's business and those who do not?

A BOY'S SOLILOQUY,

"The melancholly days have come—
The sadest of the year.
The swimin' hole is gettin' cold,
And school time's almost here."

The worst effect of race prejudice is that it keeps apart the better element in both races, and as a consequence there is lost that mutual helpfulness and understanding that would result from closer contact. Most troubles are the result of misunderstanding and this is no exception to the rule. Besides, the world needs all the good that the human family can generate. Of this we shall never have too much. Race prejudice makes our product of this commodity far below what it should be.

We do not look with disfavor on the proposed effort to import Italians into the South to be used instead of the Negro who now does most of the work. The determination of the Southern white man to have some one else do his work has caused him much trouble, and the chances are it will yet cause him greater trouble when he has swapped the Negro for the Italian. He will not then find it easy to overcharge and und under pay, and keep them in perpetual debt.

Count Leo Tolstoi's recent letter in the London Times, wherein he declares that land monopoly is at the root of Russia's misery, is creating much discussion among those interested in sociology. This is not only true of that country, but is true of every country that has a large population. It is only a question of time when the doctrines of Henry George must be applied to land tenure.

A Negro in Texas charged with "attacking" a young woman was recently burned at the stake. At Monticello, Ind., on Aug. 28th a man fifty-five years old attempted criminal assault on a girl five years old. He fled, but was captured and placed in jail. He was a man of bad reputation, but there are no threats of lynching.

Yes, we are in favor of according every right to woman that man claims for himself. We have never been able to understand the wisdom of putting the ballot into the hand of every depraved, whisky-soaked man, and denying our refined and intelligent woman a part in making the laws which govern society in general.

There has never yet been found a substitute for simple, plain honesty; and no man can be honest with others who is not honest to himself. It is an up-hill business to make others believe what you do not believe yourself.

When we once realize that there is absolutely no escape from the evil consequences of wrong doing, and that by injuring another we injure ourselves, we shall be within the dawn of the millennium.

Why is it that a colored woman carrying a white child in her arms is accorded more respect than when carrying her own child? The answer is easy. If you don't know ask Thomas Dixon.

Opportunities make men, but great men make opportunities.

A SUMMER DREAM.

A dream of hours that are no more;
A summer dream now passed away—
Ah! memory, why ponder o'er
The wanton spirit of a day?
O! let me rest, nor call to mind
A hope that only bloom'd to die;
A love that only proved too kind—
A love which passed unheeded by.

Ah, me! on such another day
We gazed upon the pleasant stream
And mark'd it wind its gentle way,
While I, in that sweet summer dream,
Believed our lives would softly flow
Together through the vale of life,
In unison, come weal or woe,
As ever constant man and wife.

A foolish dream, though passing sweet,
Which bound my loving heart to thine,
And bade me ev'ry whisper greet
As faithful love's response to mine—
Fond fool! 'Twere happier to have died
Thus dreaming, than have lived to see
Thy worthlessness—oh, I have tried
To kill the memory of thee.

But all in vain—I shade my eyes
And gaze across the pleasant land;
But though, alone, I hear thy sighs
And feel the pressure of thy hand,
The old, old dream, that summer dream,
To thee a leaf that floated by
And perishes in life's gay stream
To me the love that cannot die?

Philadelphia. —J. H. Gray.

THE DEFENSE LEAGUE.

It is believed that one of the most prejudicial causes which operates against that higher race unity demanded in the interests of simple justice and a Chiristian civilization is, that aspersions and misrepresentations coming from those of prominence have been allowed to go practically unanswered. We have witnessed the poisoning of the public mind by writers and platform speakers of the South until its ill effect has become noticeable everywhere. The race has been maligned time and again without bringing to the offenders either a protest or reply. Is there not, therefore, some ground for these charges of wholesale ignorance and incompetence when these charges are not met by us? Have not those who misrepresent us a right to construe our silence as pleading guilty, when neither reply nor protest comes to them? We are abundantly able to meet the arguments of these men on the ground of their own choosing, and the interests of the race demand that this be done. This is the purpose of the Defense League of letter writers. On and after Sept. 1st, any such case or cases coming to our notice will be called to the attention of the Defense League in these columns, and within thirty thereafter each member will be expected to address a well written letter in answer thereto. It will cost only a postage stamp, and a little time. One hundred of thes letters concentrated on a given point, and all coming within thirty days, cannot fail to produce and effect that will be helpful. The absence of ostentation and display does not mean that this movement will thereby be productive if any less of that which is good. Will you join us?

Address G. W. Cable, Editor, Freeman.

Spinoza was denied social equality in Spain. His parents were social outcasts simply because they were Jews. Yet there was never a day that Spinoza was not the superior of those who scorned him.

The Italians and the yellow fever in Louisiana is a foretaste of what the South will get when the Negro labor there has been supplanted by Italian labor.

Remember this: Superiority is the relative merit of individuals or things. Merit is a fixed fact and does not depend on the judgment of any particular person.

Our time is now and our place is here. We are therefore more concerned about the NOW and the HERE than in theories on what made the past what it was.

The march of progress means man making and woman making; not merely male and female people, but MEN and WOMEN in the highest sense of the word.

Social equality and merit are entirely different. You may have one without the other, but merit alone counts with people of sense.

About the simplest way to have better children is for the men to make it possible for the women to stay at home with them.

We continue to believe that the wisest thing for the colored man to do is to go to the Indian Territory and buy land.

"Whatsoever thou doest do quickly." You are only sure of the present.

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BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AND THE NEGRO.

SOME DANGEROUS ASPECTS OF THE WORK OF TUSKEGEE.

BY THOMAS DIXON, JR., AUTHOR OF THE LEOPARD'S SPOTS.

(Continued from last week.)

Prof. Kelly Miller says: "It is a matter of common observation that the races are growing further and further apart."

Mr. Washington says on this point: "For the sake of the Negro and the Southern white man there are many things in the relations of the two races that must soon be changed" (page 65). The point I raise is that education necessarily drives the races further and further apart, and Mr. Washington's brand of education makes the gulf between them if anything a little deeper. If there is one thing a Southern white man cannot endure it is an educated Negro. What's to be the end of it if the two races are to live forever side by side in the South?

Mr. Washington says: "Give the black man so much skill and brains that he can cut oats like the white man—then he can compete with him."

And then the real tragedy will begin. Does any sane man believe that when the Negro ceases to work under the direction of the Southern white man this "arrogant," "rapacious" and "intolerant" race will allow the Negro to master his industrial system, take the bread from his mouth, crowd him to the wall and place a mortgage on his house? Competition is war—the most fierce and brutal of all its forms. Could fatuity reach a sublimer height than the idea that the white man will stand idly by and see this performance? What will he do when put to the test? He will do exactly what his white neighbor in the North does when the Negro threatens his bread—kill him!

Abraham Lincoln foresaw this tragedy when he wrote his Emancipation Proclamation, and he asked Congress for an appropriation of a billion dollars to colonize the whole Negro race. He never believed it possible to assimilate the Negro into our national life. This nation will yet come back to Lincoln's plan, still so eloquently advocated by the Negro bishop, Henry M. Turner.

It is curious how the baldheaded assertion of a lie can be repeated and repeated until millions of sane people will accept the bare assertion as an established fact. At the close of the war, Mr. Lincoln, brooding over the insoluble problem of the Negro's future which his proclamation had created, asked General Benjamin F. Butler to devise and report to him immediately a plan to colonize the Negroes. General Butler, naturally hostile to the idea, made at once his famous, false and facetious report, "that ships could not be found to carry the Negro babies to Africa as fast as they are born!" The President was assassinated a few days later. This lie is now forty odd years old, and Mr. Booker T. Washington actually repeats it as a verbal inspiration though entirely unconscious of its historic origin.

We have spent about $800,000,000 on Negro education since the war. One-half of this sum would have been sufficient to have made Liberia a rich and powerful Negro state. Liberia is capable of supporting every Negro in America. Why not face this question squarely? We are temporizing and playing with it All our educational schemes are compromises and temporary makeshifts. Mr. Booker T. Washington's work is one of noble aims. A branch of it should be immediately established at Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. A gift of ten millions would do this, and establish a colony of half a million Negroes within two years. They could lay the foundations of a free black republic which within twenty-five years would solve our race problem on the only rational basis within human power. Colonization is not a failure. It has never been tried.

We owe this to the Negro. At present we are deceiving him and allowing him to deceive himself. He hopes and dreams of amalgamation, forgetting that self-preservation is the first law of Nature. Our present attitude of hypocrisy is inhuman toward a weaker race brought to our shores by the sins of our fathers. We owe him a square deal, and we will never give it to him on this continent.

THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

ventions of any description may well be proud. The nation stands in awe of a body which can attract the serious consideration of these captains of commerce.

Although the meeting was the best yet, Gilbert Harris and Dr. Courtney of Boston; S. Laing Williams and T. W. Jones of Chicago; Giles B Jackson and Rev. W. L Taylor of Richmond; J. C. Napier and Dr Boyd of Nashville, and Dr. Furniss and Editor Gurley Brewer of Indianapolis, had no reason to feel other than proud of what their respective cities had done for the League.

Architect J. A. Lankford, of Washington, told of the great success the Negro is making in a comparatively new field—building and contracting on a large scale. He has a fine office at the nation's capital, and he and his assistant. W. Sidney Pittman, another skilled draughtsman, have all they can do, and get good prices for their work. They are first class business men and believe in the saving grace of advertising.

Editor Oswald Garrison Villard gave evidence of some deep thinking on "The Negro Servant Question," and he was eminently correct in pronouncing the capable colored servant as the best missionary for peace between the races. for the educated classes never come into the close contact with the better classes of the whites to bring about the understanding necessary for a proper appreciation of the mutual feelings of the white and black people.

Ernest Hogan's "Memphis Students" who have been filling a 100 nights' engagement at Hammerstein's Roof Garden, paired with Williams & Walker's Glee Club in carrying off the musical honors. The convention went wild over them, and the Sousa like antics or "business" of Director Wil. Dixon was a treat in itself The interpolated "Suwanee River" by Mrs. Abbie Mitchell Cook, was a gem of the purest ray serene Her voice is flexible and sweet, and is especially adapted to the free range of music composed by her distinguished husband, Will Marion Cook.

Sylvester Russell, who has made a place for the Negro dramatic critic in the ranks of metropolitan journalism, mingled and sparkled among the celebrities. All were anxious to see the fearless writer whose quips and dissertations on art have kept the profession guessing for the past two years. Disguise it as one may, Mr. Russell, who is a scholar and a clever hand at analysis of dramatic and musical compositions of any character from Coleridge-Taylor and Cole & Johnson to Irving Jones, has done more than any other single agency to sting the Negro actor to genuine improvement and to bring about a closer adherence to legitimate stage methods on the part of comedians and singers. Mr. Russell is filling a few high-class engagements this summer in the East.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

The U. B. of F. and S. M. and T. Grand Lodge closed the grandest session of that organization ever held in the State. All departments show progress.—Mrs. P. R. Lee and daughter are home from Clarksville.—Dallas has received its double share of visitors this summer.—Entertanments have been galore.—Stella, consistory No. 2 of Scottish Rite department entertained at Belt Line Park Monday night. A jolly time was enjoyed.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Scott of Cripple Creek, Col., returned to their home after a pleasant two weeks' stay, the guest of their brother, Pro. H. W. Scott, on State street. Prof. J. Austin Lowe, with the famous Metropolitan Quartette, recited one of his original poems entitled "Her Name Was Maud" last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Capt. J. G. Griffin, 596 Cochran street, in honor of the reunion of the Metropolitan Quartette and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Scott of Colorado. Refreshments and lunch were served. Several solos were rendered by each one present.—Mrs. James Roberts is visiting in the East and West.—John Carlis spent his vacation in Chicago.—Dr. Hamilton continues to add new laurels to his practice as an up-to-date physician and practitioner.—Hooper's is the place.—Thomas Walker was delegate at large at the Elks' grand conclave, Washington, D C.

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TOP O' THE WEEK.

BY CHARLES MARSHALL.

If every man could do things as he would like other men to do that man would be imperfect.

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Standing before the bar very often puts any one behind the bars before they can realize what they are doing.

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Can any man tell why some men like for others to fight their battles?

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Mr. Mount Huff—Why did you not give us the "square deal" Sunday in Vermont?

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The Stage

James F. Godman, the musical artist was married to Miss Ella May Otey at Orange, N. J., last May. They have gone to housekeeping.

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Ernest Hogan and his Memphis Students have concluded their run at Hammerstein's Paradise Roof Garden. Abbie Mitchell, Anna Cook, Ida Forcen and Will H. Dixon were prominent members. As Mr. Hogan's guest, I occupied a box in the ba cony of the Victoria Theatre, at the matinee, and was given a good seat at night on the Paradise Roof.

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The Colored Actor's Beneficial League is a new enterprise which has been started by actors who were in New York during the summer. I am not prepared to comment on this new venture at present. My name was added to the board of directors without consultation. I have no objections to this in as much as I highly favor the new effort. More may be said later on.

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Dollar money deals by force is always a deadlock and the differences which Shephard N. Edmunds can never seem to settle outside of court is very regretful when we consider that Mr. Edmunds is a bright fellow as well as a useful experienced man in the musical publishing business. We hope that his conquest with his worthy professional brothers may yet end in harmony and lasting friendship.

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Cole & Johnson have made one of the biggest hits of their career at the Palace, London, Eng. They were the headliners of the bill which included "Patrice" of America, and other white star performers. Genial Bob Cole sent me over picture cards showing how they were advertised on the street omnibus. They return to New York to open at the Colonial this month.

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All I can learn about the mysterious new management of Williams & Walker, is that Jack Shoemaker is at the helm. Hurtig & Seamon as variety stage managers went beyond their reach in managing to get Williams & Walker in the best class of theatres where they belong. It now appears that William & Walker would no longer be accepted in legitimate houses in New York under variety stage management, so they had to change.

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The Gotham Attucks music company still continues to thrive. R. C. McPherson, author of "Please Go Way and Let Me Sleep" who is in charge failed to make an exhibit at the Business Men's League. The whole firm was dead slow, including the actors who made speeches and those who sat on the platform. If Mr. McPherson wants to hold his job, the best thing he can do is to wake up and to attend strictly to business. He must also cut out the rot that causes rumor galore to hover around the haunts of this business district. If the professional organizations are to thrive they must change hands until they get men who can attend to business and business only.

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On the first day of the Business Men's League at New York I happened to go into Nail's Cafe There I met Sam Lucas and J. Ed. Green, both of whom I have known for several years. Mr. Green introduced me to Bob A. Kelly, the comedian. Mr. Kelly at once began to upbraid me about my criticism he had received from my pen last season. It only took two minutes to convince me that his argument was that of an ignorant crank, but as Mr. Kelly is no longer a young man, I cut his ceremony off by bidding Messrs. Green and Lucas good day and left the house. There is no truth in a newspaper report that I met Kelly on the street or that he had a cane. Men who circulate falsehoods about famous people, in their ignorant heedless thirst for fame are always sure to hurt themselves rather than injure people who are beyond their grade in quality and distinction.

The foremost actors of the race with whom I am associated say that Kelley is a crank and greatly condemn his act. Mr. Kelley who goes out in support of Ernest Hogan this season, is an extra fine character comedian. The criticism I gave him last season was for appearing illegitimately talking over the footlights, in a comedy given to introduce Madam Flower as a star. I stated then and have always said that Kelley is a good actor but that he belongs a partly ignorant element of the old school of comedians who do not comprehend the view-point of modern criticism. Like Robert Cole, Messrs. George Walker and Ernest Hogan assured me in a recent interview that they cheerfully recognize the full value of my criticism of the past and the benefits of observation in the future. This means they know what they know as actors is obvious to me as a writer of experience who understands,

Frank and Harry Brown, singer and cartoonist, left Chicago Tuesday night for the west.

Allie Brown, slack wire artist, with Frank Mahara's Minstrels, died at Waterloo, Ia., September 1. His remains were sent for at Topeka, Kan. by his mother. The company expresses their sympathy for the bereaved widow and mother.

Notes from the New Orleans Minstrels.—All the boys are looking fine and having a good time. The show is giving perfect satisfaction at every stand. Hi Jerry Barnes and wife joined us, August 24, at Drake Bronch, Va., and is improving the show very much. Hi Jerry is "cleaning up" nightly singing, "The Humming Coon."

Notes from Bailey & Smith Colored Comedy Company.—We opened our season at Dousman, Wis., August 29 to S. R. O. and on the following night at Cambridge to the same and to our surprise in Lake Mills, with a big show to contend with there was not a seat to be had at 8:30. Had two disappointments on our opening night, but W. B. White, our original Tennessee Sun Flower joined on receipt of telegram and our show will be stronger than last season from the present outlook. Manager A. E. Martin of the Dousman Opera House says, "The Bailey & Smith Colored Comedy Company showed at our town last night to a packed house and gave entire satisfaction and we shall be pleased to have them make our town on their way back from Manitoba: Managers will make no mistake in booking this attraction."

GOTHAM STAGE GOSSIP.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

The New York Morning Telegraph turns out to be a true American newspaper. One glance at its columns will convince any sane mortal that its mission is to aid the oppressed and its management is cordial to any writers who can deliver the goods in their respective lines better than others regardless of race or creed. Hearing of my reputation as a stage critic, on my return from a tour of the provinces, I was interviewed by a "Telegraph" reporter. The interview was published, then my services were secured to contribute an article on "The Advent of Modern Negro Comedy" which was accepted immediately.

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Actors as speech makers is no subject for discussion.

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A Rabbit Foot Co—Ardmore, Ind. Ter., Sept. 11; Gainesville, Tex., 12; Fort Worth, 13; Cleburne, 14; Dallas, 15; McKinney, 16.

Billy Kersands' Minstrels—Muskogee, Ind. Ter., Sept. 11; Fort Smith, Ark., 12; Russellville, 13; Little Rock, 14; Brinkley, 15; Marianna, 16.

W. A. Mahara's Minstrels—Moberly, Mo., Sept. 11.

Al E. Holman's Serenaders—Folies, Manager—Paris, France, Aug. 1 to Sept. 30; Parisiana, Oct. 1 to 31; Nederlausch, Panoticum Amsterdam, Holland, Nov. 1 to 30.

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Richest Coon in Georgia—Williams and Stevens—Calgary, N. W. T., Sept. 12; Moosejaw, 13; Medicanhat, 14 to 16.

New Orleans Minstrels—Ashville, N. C., Sept. 11.

Ed Simpson, Monologist—Helena, Mont., Sept. 11 to 16.

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NEWS AND COMMENT FROM GREATER NEW YORK.

BY C. B. COOKE.

The whirl of the theatrical world has fully begun, and everything professionally is on the buzz in the great Metropolis. "Abyssinia" Williams & Walker's great Negro spectacular comic-opera, is now being prepared and is almost ready for production. The show will have 110 people exclusive of the staff. It will be news to many of our people to learn that Lew Dockstader and Mr. Hackett will be Williams & Walker's managers, and their company will be controlled by Klaw & Erlanger, who are handling the famous McIntyre & Heath, appearing in "Ham Tree," in the city at present. George W. Walker has been ill in bed with a threatening fever, but thanks to Providence he has thoroughly recovered, and is now able to rehearse with his cast. "Abyssinia" is based on historical facts and the scenes are laid in Menehk's kingdom. Jessie Shipp wrote the libretto and is staging the show. The famous W. Marion Cook, composed the score and is the musical director. James Vaughn, of Cambridge, Mass., is also a musical director and is signed with Williams & Walker this season. Harry Stafford who served with "In Dahomey" both abroad and in America, has been retained at a handsome figure and will be master mechanic and electrician with his own staff of assistants. The company will carry a car-load of gorgeous costumes and two car-loads of stage investitud scenery, etc. Several donkeys, camels and a few lions will be carried to add to the realistic features of "Abyssinia." With all the company in good health and the victory of Williams & Walker, (in their recent suit with Hurtig Leamon), and with a booking of many months ahead, we can all rest assured that many rich treats and a barrel of mirth, lay in store for us. Success to Negro comic opera, "Abyssinia." All of us who are interested should read some good literature concerning the country of the Ethiopians, so we can appreciate "Abyssinia" in all its features. It is stated that the first stand will be a week's run at Montreal, Canada.

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Through the interest and efforts of Ernest Hogan and several other noted gentleman, a movement is now under way to organize a Colored Actor's National Beneficial League. The object is to buy a first-class home and raise a substantial fund for old and infirm colored actors, actresses and performers. There was a meeting held in connection with a smoker, pertaining to the establishment of a league at Odd Fellows' Hall in West Twenty-ninth street recently. The object of the project was discussed by several well-known performers, and about 200 of the profession were in attendance. Prominent among them were: Dr. A. B. Jackson, Philadelphia, (a former professional), who was elected chairman of the temporary organization; Harry Burleigh, New York, treasurer; Mr. Lightfoot, secretary: Ernest Hogan, R. McPherson, Phillip R. Miller and William Dixon, of Chicago; Mr. Elkins and Edward Goggins, of Goggins & Davis, were appointed as a committee to draft and submit a set of by-laws at the meeting held at the same hall, September 4. Membership privileges, etc. will be open to every recognized performer in America (of color), of descent character. So wake up, black Thespians and join the live procession.

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Cole & Johnson, conceded the real novelty and a genuine hit in English vaudeville this summer. They opened in New York City, September 4, in their original ew turn.

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Nail Bros. Hotel is becomins internationally famous as an exclusive mecca for Bohemian livers among the profession. In passing I might state, one evening last week there were present at one time Egbert A. Williams G. W. Walker, Samuel Lucas, Edward Goggins, the famous acrobatic comedian, Billy Johnson, formerly of Cole & Johnson, Billy Young, Harry Gilliam, the popular Hebrew impersonator, Sherman Dudley, Allie Gilliam, the tramp comedian, Bob Kelly, and the famous unbleached American, Ernest Hogan, Carle Cooke, the quality comedian, of Cocke & Cooke and Griffith Wilson. And oh, what a privilege, what a tonic to one's rights to mingle with such a distinguished galaxy of our race.

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"The Birth of the Minstrel and Ethiopia" Mr. Hogan's new spectacular minstrel production, has been rehearsing a month and is progressing lively. Prof. Freeman, the noted young musical director, and J. Ed. Green, formerly of the Smart Set, are staging the show, and are assisted greatly by Mr. Hogan. Mr. Hogan and company will be under the management of Williams & Walker's late manager, Jules Hurtig, of Hurtig & Seamon. The show will open in about three weeks.

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At the recent convention of the Business Men's League George Walker was made a life member of the organization. Cooper & Robinson, singing comedians made good across the pond, and reports are current that Irving Jones is "cleaning up" and Harry Brown is "going big" even though he is wont to mumble "I'm Just Barely, Dat's 'bout All." The Smart Set under the musical direction of James Brym received an ovation on their first night's opening at New Haven, Conn. The show will be seen at New York City soon.

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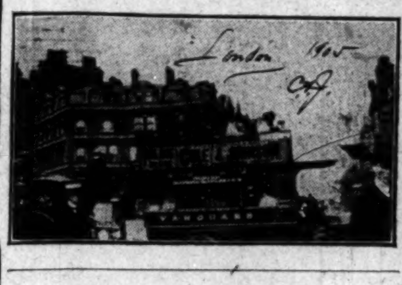

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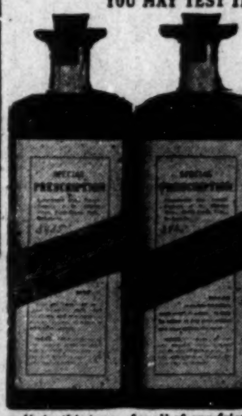

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CHAPTER XIII.

THE shadow of Anne's grief hung heavy over Gladden Hall a few days later, where Henry and Colonel Tillotson sat alone in the library conversing. It was the eve of the former's departure for the Second congress.

"Patrick," the colonel came out squarely, "what make you of this arrest of La Trouerie?"

"There is something wrong, colonel," he answered, "and 'twill out. Mark me, that young man in no charlatan. I would stake my soul he is not of low character. You are judge enough of human nature to know that."

"Cary was on the ship. Besides, he admitted it himself when he was seized at the Raleigh."

Henry leaped from his seat with an exclamation.

"Granted he is not the marquis, the man is no impostor. I want nothing but that night at the King's Arms in Winchester to convince me of that. My God, you should have seen him fight Foy! Hang your marquises! Armand is a man, I tell you! What was there to gain by a vulgar masquerade?"

Rashleigh at this juncture entered, bearing a salver.

"Letter for Mars' Henry," said he. "Mars' Randolph's Eb'nezer fotch it ober arter him fum Williamsburg dis mawnin'."

"Why," said Henry, breaking the seal, "'tis from Dr. Franklin. Business of the colonies surely. Stay—you shall hear it:

"London, Jan. 10, 1775.

"Sir—Dr. Craik, who needs no introduction to you, on his return to Virginia will see that this reaches your hand. It will inform you that M. de Penet is arrived from Philadelphia. He astonished me much when he told me that it was too discreetly doubted in the colonies as to the disposition of the court of France with regard to us. The English court here has little of this doubt; indeed there has been actual trepidation. The good news I send by this letter will show you that there was abundant ground for such fears. Not only have King Louis and M. Turgot, his minister of finance, considered together by what means they might assist so unhappy and interesting a people, but I have just learned that a nobleman of great family connection and great wealth is lately sailed for your colony, an officer in the flower of his age, who has already proved his talents in Corsica. I am informed by our co-worker Beaumarchais, who is now here at the town house of Lord Mayor Wilkes in Prince's Court, that this gentleman's judgment is much valued at Marseilles, and in case the state of the cause in Virginia (which the king deems most important of the southern colonies) seems to warrant he will doubtless be commissioned to make certain representations touching aid and comfort to come from France in the event of united hostilities. I am satisfied that any civilities and respect that may be shown M. the Marquis de la Trouerie will be serviceable to our affairs. His mission is, of course, secret. I shall inform no one else of this, trusting the information to your whole discretion. I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

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Henry read slowly, without a pause, while the other's eyes did not leave his face. When he had finished he looked up with an expression of mingled satisfaction and puzzlement.

"Marquis de la Trouerie!" Colonel Tillotson exclaimed. "Armand's master, then, was the messenger of France! And he is doubtless in Virginia now. But how dares the secretary pose as his master?"

"Because the marquis is dead!" fell a heavy voice behind them.

The host got up frowning.

"Captain Jarrat," said he brusquely, "I like not well these soft footed intrusions. Nor, if I may say it, do I like the dress you wear. Times are come when I no longer welcome a coat of that color in my house."

A smoldering red rose to Jarrat's cheek, but he spoke evenly. "I should beg pardon, colonel, for an unceremonious intrusion into a conversation. Rashleigh let me in."

"Curse Rashleigh!" said the colonel unmistakably.

"I rode to inquire for Miss Tillotson," the visitor continued, "but since I am unwelcome, why, I will betake myself home again."

"One moment, colonel," interposed Henry. "Captain, we spoke of a gentleman as you entered. May I ask what basis you have for your information?"

Jarrat took out his pocketbook, drew forth a yellow paper and handed it to Henry. "The Marquis de la Trouerie died en route to these colonies and was buried at sea. There is the leaf from the logbook of the Two Sisters recounting the unhappy incident. The news of his death was suppressed in British interests."

"And the secretary?" Henry's voice was calm.

"The incident is now closed, gentlemen, and I violate no confidence. He was bought by the earl—for services."

"My God!" ejaculated Colonel Tillotson. "Are we never to know truth in this world? He was not an impostor and a charlatan. No. He was a British spy!"

"Why, then," interrogated Henry, "did Dunmore expose him?"

"I exposed him."

"You!" the colonel cried.

"I had crossed on the same ship and recognized him at Williamsburg. Discovering the true state of affairs, can you wonder, Colonel Tillotson, at my concern for the intimacy which I saw growing between your niece and this person? I think," he said, masking a glowworm gleam in his eyes, "that my feeling for Mistress Tillotson is not misunderstood by you. I knew Lord Dun-

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more's plan, and I could not openly tell you the truth. Is it a wonder I forgot that I was a king's man? I did the one thing left to me. I set afloat such suspicions that the governor, to save his own repute with Williamsburg, was compelled to sacrifice his minion, to himself expose the imposture and to cry himself also deceived. I tell you thus much in confidence. Believe me, sir, I steered the best I knew between the hurt of a lady whom I honor and the governor's displeasure. It was the Scylla of duty and the Charybdis of love. Colonel, I love your niece, and I would not see her suffer humiliation."

Colonel Tillotson rose and paced up and down the floor, plucking at the side curls of his wig.

"And if what you tell us is true," he said, meditating, "I have done you wrong. I am not overkind to your colors, but I have a respect for honest loyalty. God knows 'tis scarce enough. Mayhap I have been unjust. Will you be seated?"

Jarrat sat down, his watchful eyes turning about the room, something strangely like expectancy in them.

The colonel rang for his major domo.

"Rashleigh," said he soberly, "ask your Mis' Anne to come to the library. And admit no one—no one. Do you hear?"

"Yas, marsa; yas, suh! Nuttin' but er grabeyard ha'nt gwineter git by dat do'!"

"Poor child!" Henry's tone was pitiful. "You mean to tell her? At least wait till your wife is returned."

"The sooner she hears some things the better for her. She has her share of pride; never fear."

"The day I was last here, sir," observed Jarrat, "she boasted she would wed him an he were a laborer in your fields."

"Aye, maybe, but not if he were a conspirer against her country. My niece is a daughter of Virginia, sir." And the master of Gladden Hall noisily took snuff to cover his feelings. Henry's face was like a sphinx.

While they waited came a clatter of hoofs outside. A moment later the hall door was flung open, and Rashleigh was heard in excited jabbering. The colonel repeated an objurgation.

The next instant he jumped to his feet, and Jarrat started as if at an apparition. Armand stood on the threshold, mud splashed and pale.

The newcomer's look ignored the captain. He bowed to Colonel Tillotson and addressed himself to Henry:

"Monsieur, I come to warn you that a detachment of Dunmore's men is on its way hither from Yorktown to seize your person."

"The deuce!" shot out the colonel like a javelin. "I thought the price the earl put on you, Patrick, was but brag. He dares violate my house, then. Mount at once and away by the north road."

Henry's gaze had seemed to dart and play about the young Frenchman's face like yellow summer lightning. "And what would the governor with me this time?"

"To transport you to trial for high treason. It was plotted this day aboard the Fowey."

"From which you are escaped?"

"Yes, monsieur."

Jarrat's voice entered: "To attack the residence of a Virginian gentleman without crown warrant is not so ready a thing even for a royal governor, but a man may disappear by night from a lonely road and who to blame? Our fleeing marquis, with his nose for delicate deceits, is a likely catspaw. I swear such overt folly of Dunmore's will yet drive me into Whiggery!"

Colonel Tillotson paused in perplexity, but Henry looked at the speaker with a gaze keen and inscrutable as an Indian's above that flickering half smile of his.

"You have no time to spare, monsieur. They were to leave the Fowey at sundown. I implore you to haste."

"As well," cautioned Jarrat, "to go by another way than the marquis anticipates."

"You liar!" said Armand, flaming on him. "This man was in the plot. He waits the troops here at this moment. Monsieur, I beseech"—

He did not finish, stricken dumb by the entrance of Anne. She had caught her breath at sight of him and stood, statue-like, in the candlelight. Then she held out both arms and ran toward him with a glad cry:

"Louis! They have released you! Oh, thank God; thank God!"

The young man did not speak; only a little spasm wrenched his features. But Jarrat did. "The jailbird was slippery, mistress," he sneered.

The colonel, who had reached her in a stride and pulled her back, dropped her arm at the look of offense and scorn she cast upon the speaker. "Anne," he said, facing her rigidly, "listen to me! This man is not only no nobleman"—

"I care naught!" she interrupted wildly. "I care not who he is! I only know what he is to me!" A light dawned on Armand's face with her words. He drew closer to her, as if wondering, afraid to trust his senses. She turned again to him. "I could not tell you—that night at the Raleigh. I had no time"—

"But," cried Colonel Tillotson, "he is a spy—a hireling, child, bought to this deception to betray the colonials!"

"Sooner than that," she declared, "would I believe Captain Jarrat capable of an honest love! This is a lie of your making, captain. He is no spy. Whatever he has done, 'twas not in dishonor."

"Anne, Anne," urged her uncle, "we have seen the proofs!"

"You do not believe them?" Armand whispered.

"No, no! Nor ever will!"

The young man laughed out triumphantly in sudden abandon. "You hear that, messieurs? There is one that believes in me!"

"Believes, aye, and loves!" cried Anne and ran to him. He drew her close to his breast, murmuring soft words. Her face was pale, yet burning, her whole body thrilling with passion and defiance.

"They cannot destroy my faith in you!" she breathed. "I shall love and trust you always, always, always!"

"She is bewitched," Jarrat said, with dry lips.

"You hated him!" she blazed at him. "Oh, I know how you would creep and creep! My friend," turning to Henry—"my friend, do you believe this?"

Henry got up with a round oath. "No!" he swore. "By the great day, I do not believe it!"

Her fluttering cry of delight was stilled by Colonel Tillotson's tense whisper, "Hark!" There was a dull drum of hoofs thudding over sod and with it Sweetlips' fierce challenge.

Simultaneously came a wail of terror from the kitchens, and Rashleigh plunged in from the hall, his woolly head shaking with fear.

"De sojers! De sojers!" he screeched. "Mars' John, dee gwine kill y'all!"

Jarrat rose to his feet. "You know how I can creep and creep, mistress?" he said. "Well, then, now you shall see how I can strike!"

Anne had rushed instantly to the window and drawn the blind. "Troopers!" she cried. "The house is being surrounded! You have been pursued, Louis!"

"'Twas true then!" frothed Colonel Tillotson. "Jarrat, had I a weapon I would shoot you, I swear to God! There is one way, Patrick. Here, quick! Through this hall and to the buttery! There is a small window! Speed, and God send you get safe away!"

As Henry disappeared Jarrat ran from the door, shouting directions to the soldiery.

"Louis!" gasped Anne. "You must go! Take the same way, quick!"

"Wait!" he said. "I must give something into your care—something important! Promise me you will do with it what I ask!"

"Yes, yes; but haste, haste!"

He had taken a packet from his breast. "This. Much depends upon it. It must be carried to Philadelphia and there given to Dr. Benjamin Franklin. You must tell him to hold it till called for."

"I will carry it. He shall have it from my own hands. I hear them on the porch. For my own sake go!"

"Swear to me!"

"I swear by all I love—by my love for you."

"And you will trust me?"

"Always, always! Oh, can you wait while they take you?"

"Kiss me!"

"Ah"—

He strained her to him once and sprang toward the door through which Henry had fled. But as he reached it Jarrat's form stood framed in the sash. His hand held a pistol. At the same moment the room overflowed with men.

"So ho," he smiled redly over white teeth. "Not so sprightly, eh? Well, the other bird has flown—curse those horses' pounding!—and we must be content with you, I suppose. Lieutenant, I put this conger eel in your care. An he gets off as did Patrick Henry, some one shall suffer for it. Nay, mistress, run not to him. Rather give me the packet which the entertaining gentleman gave into your care a moment since. I doubt not its contents will interest us all. It may even hold his patent of nobility."

Anne's hands flew to her breast, and she shrank back as Jarrat advanced upon her.

"You ruffian!" raged Colonel Tillotson, beside himself with anger. "An you or your bloody-backs lay finger on my niece"—

"Heroics are misplaced, colonel," answered Jarrat curtly. "Will you give up that paper, mistress?"

A quick light came to the girl's eyes, gazing past him. Fumbling in her dress, she drew forth the packet and held it out. But as he extended an arm to seize it she drew back and hurled it over his head through the dining room door, where huddled Mammy Evaline and the rest of the kitchen servants in a shivering group.

"Bonella!" she screamed. "Take it, Bonella! Run! Hide it! Run!" The redemptioner woman swooped upon the packet and was away like a hare.

"Clumsy fools!" foamed Jarrat as the soldiers bungled at the door catch. "After her and bring her here!"

Anne in the reaction felt her gaze upon Armand, erect between the soldiers, swim with tears. How could he stand so calm? And with the thought she felt a sudden shame for her weakness.

"The wench has had her run," grumbled one of the soldiers as they returned with the redemptioner woman. "She hasn't it on her. She's tucked it away somewhere."

"I'll soon know where she's hidden it," stormed Jarrat. He interrogated her savagely. "No," she said brokenly, "I not tell."

"Get a rawhide from the stables and stretch her out there. She'll talk fast enough!"

"You'll not lash her!" cried Anne, with trembling lips.

Jarrat made no reply. When the soldier returned with the rawhide others dragged the woman into the center and stood waiting. The poor creature watched the preparations with her face ashen and her black eyes darting rapidly here and there.

"Now," said Jarrat menacingly, "will you show where you hid that paper?" She was dumb.

Once, twice, the heavy thong descended. At the first stroke she cowed and cried out with pain. At the second a line of red started through the coarse oznabrig.

Jarrat leaned and looked into her face. "I not tell you!" she wavered.

"I'll have the king's law on you for this," the colonel hurled between his teeth.

Armand had remained quiet, but as the stroke fell twice again he trembled.

Jarrat's form stood framed in the sash.

The woman's lips were tight together. "No, no, no!" she said between them. "I not tell you! I not tell you—never!"

"Curse her!" Jarrat gnashed furiously. "Lay on, there, you! I say I'll have it out of her!"

The wielder of the rawhide paused to tuck up his sleeve. The men who held her relaxed their hold for an instant, and she sank down on the floor with closed eyes.

"They will kill her!" sobbed Anne, clutching her uncle's arm. "They will kill her!"

"Stand her up again!" commanded Jarrat,

Armand had grown very white. At Anne's sob he strained forward in the grasp of the soldiers and cried: "Tell him! I command you to tell him!"

The woman opened her eyes, looked at him searchingly and uncertainly.

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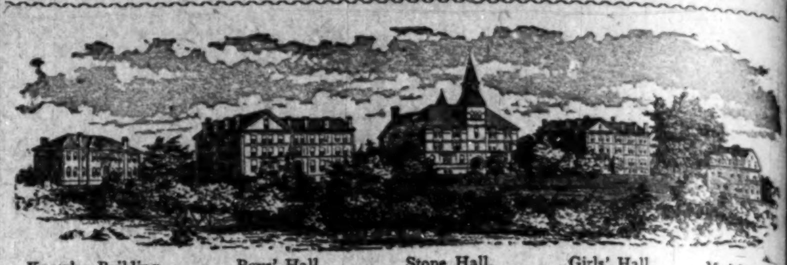

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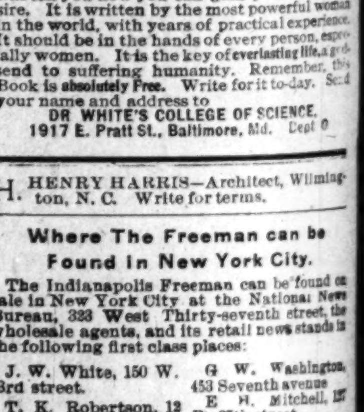

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There are 150 colored men on the police force in Chicago. The new city directory puts the population of Chicago at 2 500,000, and the colored population now in Chicago at 72 000.

Hon. J. D Sommerville, vice president of the Republic of Liberia, and Lawyer P. O Grey, a prominent colored lawyer at Monrovia, Liberia, west coast of Africa, have been appointed commissioners for the Frederick Douglass Memorial Exposition of North America, that will be held at Washington, D. C, May 1, 1906 It is expected that the Republic of Liberia will make a splendid exhibit at the exposition.

The village of Brooklyn, Ill., a town of some 1,600 inhabitants, is officered entirely by Negroes, and is one of the best regulated communities in the State. It has a board of trustees, street commissioners, fire and police departments, health officers, and, in fact, all that belongs to a town of its charter class The people appear prosperous and are a standing refutation of that oft-current libel that the Negro is incapable of self-government. Brooklyn offers exceptional inducements to colored business men.

A delegate convention of colored mechanics, representing Missouri, Illinois and several of the Southern States, convened at St. Louis, Mo, August 24 to organize a colored mechanical association, with local branches in all cities This body is not identified or affiliated with any other labor organization. Its object is co-operation for mutual benefits and opportunity for employment. H. W. Fearson of St. Louis was chosen temporary chairman and W. D Hennington, Jr. of Springfield, Ill, secretary. There were thirty delegates present, representing six States.

The Negro companies of the Georgia State militia were abolished by legislative enactment at Atlanta, Ga., last week. Governor Terrell announced that the measure meets with his approval, and the Negro troops under arms in Georgia will be mustered out of the service before the end of the week. There are five Negro companies in the State, three at Savannah, one at Augusta and one at Macon They vary in strength from fifty to sixty men. The reasons for the bill involved both the efficiency of the service and the matter of precedence. Under the terms of the Dick bill some of the Negro companies would take precedence over some of the white companies. This was deemed sufficiently objectionable for the senate to pass the measure by a vote of 38 to 0.

The rescue of a 3 months-old baby from a fire at 704 South Twelfth street, Philadelphia, Pa., July 24, will probably win a Carnegie hero medal for Clarence Theophilus Nugent a 14-year old Negro boy, of 1215 Fitzwater street. The fire, caused by the explosion of a lamp in a third-story back room, had worked its way to the front room, where the child of Andrew Walker lay sleeping. Walker was standing on the street corner when the alarm was given and tried to rush upstairs to rescue his babe, but the dense smoke and flames drove him back Young Nugent, who was in the crowd that gathered, upon learning where the child was, climbed up a water spout and then entered the room. He rolled the infant in a shawl, which he held in his teeth while he worked his way down the outside of the building until firemen came to his aid.

The white letter carriers in Louisville are displeased at the number of Negroes recently appointed to work at their sides In the last month eight appointments have been made and six of the positions have been filled by Negroes Dr. Baker said, in regard to the matter, that he could do nothing but pick those holding the highest averages on the list as posted by the civil service commission in the lobby of the postoffice. He said: "This thing is annoying to me. When I go to recommend the appointment of a substitute I have no way of knowing his color. The civil service rules forbid the designation of eligibles for Federal positions as white or colored. When a vacancy is open for a substitute I go to the list and mark off the eligible with the highest average. I don't know whether he is white or black, and I don't care, so the appointment is made according to law."

The Harriet Beecher Stowe Institute, a home for colored waifs, at Bloomington, Ill., conducted by the Rev George A. Brown and wife, is doing a great work. In the face of many discouragements these two people have founded and are conducting this institution, which means for many a friendless colored child a comfortable home and instruction in different industrial branches, which will fit them for useful work in the after years. There are at this time sixty-five inmates at the home. The Rev. Brown, who was the originator of the idea of caring for colored children in this manner, first founded his institution at Danville, Ill, in 1897 He is a son of the late Bishop John M. Brown, one of the noted bishops of the A. M. E. church. He it was who founded Wilberforce Academy, and he was also one of the founders of Provident Hospital at Chicago for colored people. Now this hospital has as many white patients as it has colored. Bishop Brown had long had some ideas about the education of colored children which he much wished to put in effect, but he died before he could realize his ambition. His son, Rev. George A. Brown, inherited some $5,000 from his father, and this he at once put into the work of educating colored children in industrial ways.

A batting rally in the ninth inning, which produced three runs gave Lloyd's Giants of St. Louis, a victory over the Leland Giants last week at Auburn Park, of 6 to 4.

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The base ball game between the Mable and Beaumont, (Tex.) Tip Top resulted in a score of 7 to 3 in favor of Mable. Battery for Tip Top, Trailor; for Mable, Marshall and Duffey.

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The Leland Giants defeated the Paducah Nationals before the largest audience ever seen in Auburn Park last week. Horn was knocked out of the box, J. Davis replacing him. H. Davis, Paducah's great twirler, pitched grand ball, fielding his position well also. Wallace and Binga were the stars. The score was 5 to 3.

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George Siler, in writing of Jeffries opinion on the present heavyweight says that Jeffries thinks that Johnson, Hart, McCormick and Ruhlin are all big chumps and that he could trim them, one after another as fast as they could be trotted out. But did you notice how quickly Jeffries drew the color line when it becrme the talk that Jack Johnson was about to issue him a challenge. To my mind Jeffries is today really more afraid of Johnson than any other man in the ring.

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Word reaches us that some of the most interesting games of the season are now being played by such great teams as the Philadelphia Giants, Cuban Giants, Paducah Nationals, Lloyd's Giants and the Champaign Velvets. Some base ball enthusiast has written me from Cincinnati that he is surprised that these columns contain so little about base ball. I would have him know that our shortcomings in this line of sport, are because we have been unable to get any reliable accounts. We would be very glad to receive any information possible.

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Jesse Clark, the heavyweight pugilist has returned to the city, after three years of successful fighting. He has done splendid fighting in the East and is credited with having won thirty-six battles out of forty. He is spending a few warm days here with his family but can be called for a contest at any time. Clark is looked upon by promoters in the East as a coming light and judging from his wonderful past record he is sure to move up among the Johnson, Hart Ruhlin and McCormack class, if he has not already. For those who admire well-built men look upon Clark, almost an ideal figure that he is

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George Dixon, the once great bulldog of pugdom, has returned to America, after an absence of five years in Ireland, Scotland and Great Britain. Dixson has come back in the same old fix that left purly flat broke. "In England," George is said to have stated, "one has to fight for the mere sum of $25 to $50 a bout." No wonder that George is broke for we fail to see how George could commit the same old capers that he did when champion Yet many of the local "pug" lovers have openly said that he had made good money while there but had given it away. But how could he when he made only enough to keep him living. They must investigate farther.

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Joe Walcott has not retired from the ring. He made that statement, the other day, at Boston, and then he went on to tell why he was entitled to the same consideration.

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"So I am back in the game again. I am ready to fight anyone who claims to be the welterweight champion, No one has defeated me at that weight since I beat Rufe Ferns for the title at Buffalo. I don't care who comes along looking for a bout. 'Honey' Mellody might be anxious to meet me, and I am ready. I have been asked to box at the new club in Chelsea, and if they can find someone who will meet me, of course I shall be only too glad to go on. I have had a good rest and now I am in fine shape. I shall not be particular about the weight unless the man who fights me claims to be a welter weight and is looking for the title. Then he will have to make the weight for me."

HOUSTON, TEXAS.

The Autum Leaf Social Club tendered its members and friends a banquet last Friday night. It was a delighful affair and largely attended.—Last week was a busy one for Cupid in the Magnolia City. The little angle shot his arrow straight to the mark. Mr. Green Alexander and Miss Lizzie Burney were happily joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. The contracting parties were both prominent in Houston society circles. Rev Dr D. Blackshear performed the ceremony.—Mr. James Green has staged his new play for the season —Mr. Frank English is doing stunts at the Rice.—Mr Rob Howth returned home last Monday from Matorgordia Bay where he went on the excursion boat, Lawarace, in search of the Finy tribe. He reports having had a delightful time. He will go again soon —Juel Lewis arrived in the city after a few month's absence.—Don't forget the Freeman at 509 San Filepe street, A. Edwards reporter.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beverly of 1913 Jackson street, gave their daughter, Miss Lula Arnett in marriage to Mr. William H. Carson of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Wednesday night, Aug. 23.—Mr. O. K. Turner and Miss Della Humphry were quietly united in marriage last Thursday at the home of the bride's mother.—Mr. Clarence Davis of Galveston was in the city last week visiting.—Mr Albert J. Beverly of Washington, D. C. was visiting relatives and friends in the city.—Mr. Wm. Balden of St. Louis spent a few days in the Magnolia city last week.

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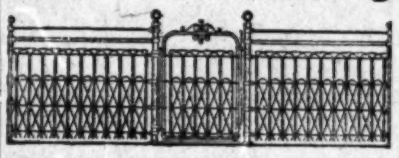

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Miss Kate Mann and mother have returned from a pleasant visit at Detroit and Niagara Falls.

James Edward Hall and wife of Louisville spent Sunday in the city.

J. C Dawson is seeing sights at Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada.

A. H. Chase, M. D., of Gibson City, Ill. was a Freeman visitor this week.

B. Franklin Stowers of Cincinnati, O. was in the city this week on business.

W. O. Clayton, of Copper Hill, Va., is one of the new teachers in our midst.

Mr. Bonapart Beatty has returned to the city after an extended stay in Michigan.

Mesdames A. Tribble and J. T. Coleman went to Chicago last Saturday night

Mrs. Clara Harvey has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Chillicothe.

Miss Mattie Brown, of Washington, D. C. has come to resume her work in the city schools.

William Wilson and A. L. Davis will leave Tuesday for Lexington, Ky., to attend the fair.

Mis Carrie Black left last Sunday for Chicago Ill. She will be the guest of Mrs. Mazeppa Clay Henry.

Miss Maud Wright, of New Haven will take her position as teacher in our city schools next Wednesday.

Miss Mary Williams of E 16th street will return home Sunday from Michigan where she has been all summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis have returned from Lake Maxinkuckee, Ind., where they have been spending the summer.

Miss Bertha Williams spent this week in Chicago. She will return tomorrow accompanied by Miss Ida Groves who has been there several weeks.

Mrs. S. I Jones has returned to her home at Keokuk, Ia., after a visit of two weeks with her daughter Mrs. Harry Bailey, at the Parker House.

The Twentieth Century Club will give their grand autumn ball in honor of the R. S. G. Girls, Tuesday Sept 12th. Their many friends are invited to attend

Miss Eva Brown, a teacher of Washington, D. C came Tuesday to spend a few days with her sister Mattie Brown, after which she will leave for her field of duty.

Miss Helen Collins has gone to Chicago for an indefinite stay. She was accompanied by her grand-mother, Mrs. Sophia Fleming, who will remain two weeks.

Mrs. Charles W. Brown has returned from a month's stay at New York City Atlantic City and other eastern points, accompanied by Miss Hortense Parker, who will resume her position in the city schools.

Mrs. L. W. Allen, after a seven weeks' pleasant stay with her sister at Rochester, N. Y.; and Niagara Falls, Canada and Cleveland, O., returned home the first, much improved.

Presiding Elder George A. Sissle was brought home Monday morning from one of the stations in his district seriously ill and is still in a critical condition at his home in Columbia avenue.

The son of Mrs Lucy Caldwell 1310 N. Missouri street was struck by a street car on Senate Ave. Tuesday evening and was painfully bruised about the hands and face. One finger was broken.

The services were largely attended at Simpson Chapel M. E. Church last Sunday. The occasion being a special sermon to the inmates of the Alpha Home, who were guests of the church during the day.

Quite a number of Indianapolitans visited in Chicago Sunday. Among the number were Mrs. Essie Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Porter, Misses Carrie Lewis and Ladeska Tyler, Mrs. Mary Scott and daughter and Mr. Burton Cummings.

Mrs. Lucy Elliot in North West St., mother of Mrs. Lavina Sneed, who has been very ill for the past two weeks with pneumonia, is a great deal better at this time. If she continues to improve Mrs. Sneed will leave for her home in a few days.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

The closing service of this conference year will take place to-morrow and Monday night. The program for tomorrow (Sunday) is as follows: Organ Voluntary. Song—Choir and Congregation; First Scripture Lesson, Psalm xxiii; Hymn and Prayer; Song by the Choir; Order of Service; Song by Choir; Sermon by the Pastor. The pastor will preach at the evening service which will close the conference year. Monday night an excellent program will be rendered and a report for the year will be made—closing with reception in the lecture rooms.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Sunday service 3:30 p. m. All welcome meeting will be held in the assembly room. Big meeting for boys from 12 to 16 years old at the rooms 7:30 p. m., the 11th; all the boys in town are welcome. Bible class for men will meet for organization Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. The ball team will play the I. C.'s and Flanner Guild, Monday; only one admission fee will be charged. Come.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.

The 42nd anniversary of the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation will be fittingly celebrated at the State Fair Grounds Sept. 22nd under the auspices of the Martin R. Delaney Post and the Sumner Republican League. The committee composed of prominent citizens is exerting itself to make the occasion worthy of the immortal event it seeks to commemorate. September the 22nd 1863 was a red letter day in the history of the colored people and as such its anniversary should be a matter of deep concern to all. The committee hopes a generous patronage and judging from the interest manifested it will get it. Remember the date—Sept 22nd.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Would like to know the whereabouts of Joe Dew. He was last heard from in 1890 in North Carolina.

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DANVILLE, ILL.

Miss Maggie Avery is going on an extended visit through Massachusetts. Mrs. Pat Phelps is improving after a serious illness.—Colored Women's Aid Club met last week with Mrs. M. Collins. Mrs. J. Cousin, president; Mrs. F. Rhodes, secretary.—Miss Josie Richie is visiting in Chicago this week. B. Parker and Archie Peterson, of Champaign spent Sunday in the city. Miss Cora Tapp was the guest of Lorena Gillock Sunday.—Mrs. Maultie Reed is very ill this week.—Miss Ella Alexander has returned from Erollington Ky.—Mr. and Mrs Thomas Massy were in the city Sunday.—Theodore Espy has returned from Peoria.—Florence Ernest and Lulu Tapp, of Homer are visiting Miss Hattie Gillock.—Quarterly meeting was held Sunday at Allen Chapel. Rev. Bundy delivered an excellent sermon. Collection for the day $50 and for the rally in August $127.—Quite a number of ladies brought their hatchets and cleaned brick for the foundation of the chruch, Thursday of last week. Among those present were Mesdames J. Robinson, M. L. Bass, R. Taylor, Carrie Vance, M. Batchman, Sarah Thomas, F. Colly, J. Lee, B. Gates, Clara McNeil, Minnie Reeves, Lucy Robertson, R. H. Robinson, M. Thomas M. Thomas, M. Boyd, Wick Smith, C. C. Wilkinson, Miss Anna Jones, Ossie Taylor, Lorena Gillock' Lodene Irvin and others whose names we failed to secure.—Mr. and Mrs. Wick Smith are entertaining Rev Bundy.—Mrs Fannie Colley spent Sunday at Terre Haute, Mr. Gee of Covington, Ind., was in the city Monday.—Mrs. Jessie Tiller, of Terre Haute, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. James Johnson, has gone home.—Irwin Jackson of Indianapolis is visiting in the city.—Mr. and Mrs. N. Bolin, of Champaign spent Sunday in the city.—The Colored Woman's Club met last week with Mrs. R. D. Houston. The board of directors will met September 13, with Mrs. Waldon. Mrs. Mason is chairman.—Mrs Richard Robinson and sister Mrs. Mary Russell spent Sunday at Brazil Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman are visiting in Mattoon.—Charles Allen has gone to Iowa.—The Carolina Singers drew quite a crowd at the Chautauqua.—John Tilford is in Chicago.—Mrs. Lizzie Berry is very ill.

ERIE, PA.

Mrs. P. W. Conner left September 1, for Trinidad, Colo., to join her husband who left several months ago for the West. Mrs. Conner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Scott an accomplished musician and of a very pleasant disposition. She has a wide circle of friends who regret her depature and were present to bid her farewell and wish her a safe journey. She received some nice and very useful presents. The famous Lone Star Quartet and Sextet will fill a two weeks engagement at the Waldameer. Henry Gant leader. G. H. Williams, tenor; Fred Van Duson, baritone; Abe S. Gant, base, of Pittsburg, Pa.—A grand reception was given at the home of Mrs Josephine Fisher, assisted by Mr. and Mrs James L Harris, of Toledo, for Mrs. T. S. Dixon, of Philadelphia, Mrs Thomas, of Youngstown, O., and Mrs P. W. Conner. Covers were laid for twenty and an elaborate luncheon was served. The decorations were quite extensive. A roof garden was tastefully arranged with palms and Japanese lanterns. Music and dancing were the features of the evening. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs T. W. Cooper, Mr and Mrs J. W. Russell Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Williams, J. Lloyd, Steven Connors, Mr and Mrs. Alexander Scott and William Scott.

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FERGUSON DIXIE JUBILEE CONCERT COMPANY

The Freeman,

Mr. Editor.—I have been asked by one of your correspondents to contribute an article to your splendid paper upon the work and success of the Ferguson Dixie Jubilee Concert Company. As the manager of said company, I am glad of the opportunity. The subject of the Jubilee work and the Jubilee field has long been upon my mind. First let me say the work of the above company for the winter season is in lecture course, appearing in the best courses in the country. In the summer time we do Chautauqua work. This affords a grand opportunity, as the Chautauqua platform is a University from which one can receive a liberal education. Here our company meets and shakes hands with the greatest minds from every walk in life. Besides, they hear discussed the greatest and most vital topics of the day, affecting the whole world. In our lecture course we come in contact with the best people of each community, and the Dixie Concert Company have learned the valuable lesson that to come in touch with good souls has a tendency to detract from their imperfections and add to their virtues. So they are bedefited much thereby.

Second the Dixie Concert Company feels that there is a great responsibility resting upon them with reference to the race. They always hold themselves ready to defend the race and show in tangible way, their virtues. They feel that they can best do this by living a pure, clean and temperate life. They are readers of good books and magazines, and are able to converse intelligently upon any living topic of the day. I speak of this because in our travels we come in contact with the white race almost exclusively, and naturally enough they think the Negro is only capable of making one laugh by acting the fool. But we try to convince them that we have the power to think as well as they. We sometimes find it necessary to speak or write, since Thomas Dixon, Jr. is so bitter in his arraignment of our great and grand leader, Booker T. Washington, and also of our race. But we are not discouraged, for I am frank to say that in spite of such men as Dixon, Varderman, Graves and Tillman, we have many friends among the white race. We travel about ten months in the year, covering a large portion of the country. Our position is a peculiar one, we are always before the people, they are always looking at us, and I wish I could get every colored company on the road to realize that every misstep they take is recorded against our race, for our white enemies are ever ready to say, 'That is bad, but it is characteristic of the Negro race.'' I wish to say that the Jubilee Singers have a great field, they are constantly in demand and many lecture courses and Chatauquas are not expected to be a success unless they have a colored company.

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But I want to say that the day is fast coming when the immoral company, and the company that frequents saloons or drinks at all, will have no place upon the lyceum platform. God hasten the day, for there has been altogether too much drinking and immorality in many of the companies. I have had young ladies of my own race to tell me that they have never met a young man with a company that did not use strong drink. Shame on our young men in the professional field. I trust the personal reference will be pardoned. About nine years ago my good wife, then my sweetheart (and she is still my sweetheart) joined hands to fight the drink evil and under God we will fight it unrelentingly till we die. At this time there is not a person in our company who drinks a drop of intoxicants. We have had a large Chautauqua season we have every night sold from September 20 to June 1906, in lecture course.

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